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New Presidents of Art Associations



MARGARET F. S. GLACE

Eastern Arts at its New York Convention elected Miss Glace as its President for 1942–1943.

Miss Glace is Head of Teacher Education Department at Maryland Institute in Baltimore. She graduated from Elmira College and earned her Master of Arts degree at George Peabody College for Teachers. After teaching and supervising art in the schools of New York, Florida, and Pennsylvania she became a member of the faculty of the State Teachers College in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. In addition to her position at Maryland Institute, which she took in 1937, she is on the faculty of the Teachers College, Johns Hopkins University.

Elected Vice-president, Dana P. Vaughn, Dean of the Rhode Island School of Design of Providence. Treasurer, Raymond P. Ensign. Council Members elected for 3-year term were Ethel Bray, Head of Art Department, Public Schools in Washington, D. C.; Marguerite Tiffany, Head of Art Department, State Teachers College, Paterson, New Jersey; and Walter Haggerty representing "The Ship." Council Member for two-year term is Ruth Coburn, Supervisor of Art in Burlington, Vermont.



KENNETH E. SMITH

The Southeastern Arts Association meeting in Greensboro, North Carolina, elected as their new President, Kenneth Eugene Smith, Assistant Professor of Ceramics at Newcomb College of Tulane University, New Orleans.

Professor Smith received his B.S. degree from Alfred University in 1929 and the M.A. degree from Ohio State University in 1938. Before coming to Newcomb College in 1929, he worked as kiln setter and assistant ceramist with the National Fireproofing Company. The author of a number of articles in ceramic journals, Professor Smith is a member of the American Ceramic Society, Keramos, and Beta Delta fraternity.

Delta fraternity.

The new Vice-president is Mrs. Mary Leah Stewart, Assistant Professor of Art, Woman's College, the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. Auditor—Josie Di Maggio, Art Teacher, New Orleans Public Schools. Secretary-Treasurer is May Kluttz, Art Teacher in the Girls' High School of Atlanta, Georgia. New Council Members are Mrs. Winifred VanCise, Art Supervisor, Albany Public Schools, Albany, Georgia, and Ralph Barber of the Milton Bradley Company in Atlanta.

Milton Bradley Company in Atlanta. Next year's meeting will be in Athens, Georgia.



BERNICE V. SETZER

The Kansas City Meeting of the Western Arts Association selected Bernice V. Setzer, Director of Art at Des Moines, Iowa, as their new President.

Mrs. Setzer is a graduate of the Indianapolis Normal School, the Applied Arts Summer School of Chicago and earned her degree at the California College of Arts and Crafts of Oakland. She has been a teacher of art and music in Indianapolis, Assistant Director of Art and Music at San Antonio, Texas, and a member of the Department of Art Faculty at Kent (Ohio) State Teachers College. Among the many prominent art people with whom she has worked are Joseph Binder, Marya Werten, Emmy Zweybruck and Norman Edwards.

Carl H. Hamburger, Supervisor of Industrial Arts at Cleveland, is the new Vice-president with Irene Swan, Supervisor of Art at Rosewell, New Mexico, as the new Auditor.

New members of the Council are Olga M. Schubkegel, Director of Art, Hammond, Indiana, and Lloyd L. Waite, Instructor of Fine and Industrial Arts, Cranbrook School, Michigan.

The 1943 meeting is planned for Detroit.

BUST

Fifth Annual Gold Award by the Eastern Arts Association



Theodore M. Dillaway, Director of Art for Philadelphia, was honored at the New York Convention of the E.A.A. by receiving the Gold Award for long and distinguished service in the field of Art Education.

Mr. Dillaway, a pupil of the Massachusetts School of Art and Delacluse Academy of Paris, has had the distinction of serving Buffalo, Boston, and Philadelphia as Director of Art Education. In spite of a busy life as an executive, organizer, and leader he has attained added distinction with his numerous paintings.





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RT EDUCATION IS EFENSE

REATIVE practical arts in our schools are becoming more and more prominent and will become increasingly so because every progressive community recognizes they are economically and socially essential in a democratic society. The arts are one of the most beneficial influences in our country because they are uplifting, informative, unifying, and curative. Only retardent communities do not include art today in their school curriculum, which is their loss, as the arts cultivate personality and character, and help develop a sound community.

• Art education in this country has progressed extensively since the last World War and it will reach greater recognition in the period following this war, and leaders in the Nation's welfare recognize its values. This is because the turn of Time's wheel has proven that Art Applied is Art Alive, enhancing Everyday Life, improving every part of civilization's environment. Not only is modern living dependent upon art for better surroundings but it is an important factor for better mental and physical condition, as can be attested by statements from many important American authorities.

• Leaders in psychiatry and occupational therapy say "that on the whole people who break down mentally are recreationally illiterate." Again, "One of the means par excellence to objective mental energies is occupational therapy." "When the mind is content and at rest because the hands are busy, the feeling of self-pity (the most destructive emotion in human personality) will gradually disappear."

• "Art alone as a recreational activity in American life is of immense value—it creates the satisfaction that one can do something, provides interest outside of self, is a means of expression devoid of the tension required of most other work, when part of making a living. It serves as a communication medium with many other activities, developing a harmonious relationship and completes a feeling of well-being, making better citizens everywhere." I am sure there is not a community that cannot recall instances of individuals of all ages who have found their "niche" of recognition through some art "hobby" and thereby enriched not only their family and themselves in a happier life but also the well-being of their community's life as a whole.

• C. Gilbert Wrenn, Professor of Education Psychology, University of Minnesota, connects such recreational art for young people as an *important part of National Defense*. In his part of the report, "Time on Their Hands," issued by the American Council of Education, he states "no element is more important in national defense than the quality of the individuals who bear the responsibility for that defense." For any creative or cultural values we can add to their lives should give youth a bigger stake in American civilization and leave them anxious to defend it from all enemies, within or without. It can increase the physical, mental, and spiritual fitness of the people upon whom the defense of our country rests."

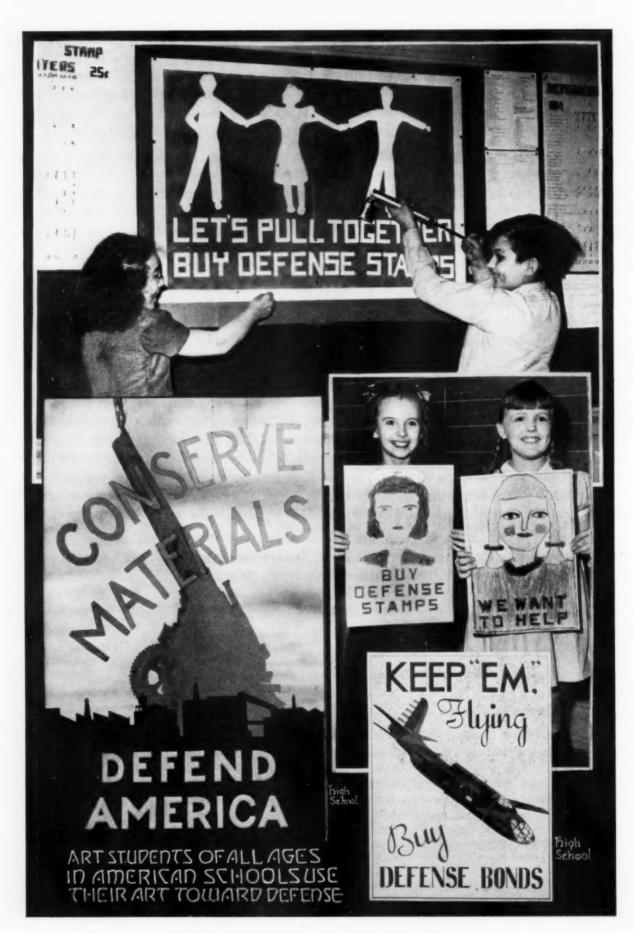
• To the large number of minds in our country who minimize artistic values or art achievement, let me remind them of the irrefutable parallel of the artistic achievement and the industrial perfection of the two major nations with whom we are at war. They are nations internationally renowned for their arts. They are nations internationally known for their industrial capacity and because of these attainments we are now contending with severe handicaps. They have not only captured many of our foreign markets but have competed successfully in previous years in taking our own home markets. When factory after factory was closing down in our industrial centers, Japan and Germany were pouring in shipload after shipload of optical goods, precision tools, cutlery, homeware, and art goods. These were not only arriving due to their lesser costs but largely because of either superior quality

or more attractive designs. As history is proving that the modern war is closely integrated with world markets, how important it is that we improve our art applied to everything we make, and see to it that our art education is stepped up toward helping us avoid competition with foreign lands in our own home markets. More art behind our own American products will prevent outside competition and less foreign entanglements leading to war. In such development we find Art Education a very important factor in National Defense.

- American genius has proven the value of art education. Frank Hopkinson Smith, one of the world's great bridge builders, was also an active artist. Paul Revere was a fine silver craftsman. Morse, the father of telegraphy, was an excellent and successful portrait painter. Robert Fulton, while an art student in England in 1802, witnessed the trial trip of the first steamboat, Charlotte Dundas, invented by James Watt. Fulton with his keen artist's eye five years later developed a much finer steamboat, the Clermont, in America. Comparison of the two boats' design will show how art improved appearances. Scientists, physicians, inventors, leaders in many professions know the values of art in their lives. So many physicians and specialists in medicine are art enthusiasts and actually paint, etch, and sketch and do art handicrafts, that a regular art exhibition is held at the annual A.M.A. conventions. Recently I talked with a director of a Defense School training many young men in machine work and machine draughting, and he said how noticeable was the progress made over others by those who had studied art, as they could "much more easily visualize what they were doing."
- Defense of the American industries requires more Art Education than ever. They are suffering for it. Recent events have proven it. In a recent national competition among 800 competitors for a fountain-pen design, although \$500 was announced for the winning design, the judges decided no single entry merited this award so they gave four \$100 awards instead. The design winning first honors was won by a young lady, a refugee design student from Germany. The announcement stated, "While many of the designs were outstanding in originality, none was practical for manufacture—the prerequisite for the \$500 award."
- Our newspapers over a year ago made news, that the United States Department of Commerce would expend the sum of \$250,000,000 in South and Central America to meet the demand annually needed by the thousands of North American gift and art shops, formerly supplied by European countries. Stylists were to be sent to induce this immense production in Latin-America. At this writing I am informed the plan has not succeeded, as was expected by anyone who knows the Indian native artist of South America and his aversion to mass production of art crafts.
- American Youth are entitled to as good and as efficient an art training as accompanies the regular education in the Axis countries, if our youth in their total education expect to compete with the Axis nations either in the world markets or in our embattled world.
 - William S. Knudsen has said "Brain training is likewise an essential part of hand training. The best man is one who combines book learning with the learning which comes of doing things with the hands." James Bryant Conant, President of Harvard University, has written, "Our schools must be concerned with educating for a useful life not only the able scholar but the artist and the craftsman. At present we have too much make-believe in our schools and our colleges—too many feeble attempts, . . . proper only for a restricted type of individual."
- The great number of idle youth during normal times demand an art training for our boys and girls so that sums like the \$250,000,000 can be intelligently earned in our own country, producing the art needs for our own homes, and eliminate all bread lines and relief dependents.
- After years of constant interest in this great need I am in the frame of mind to declare, anyone who agitates the discontinuing of art
 eccuation in our schools is ignorantly or unknowingly guilty of advocating sabotage of an important part of America's Defense—for Art
 Education is National Defense.

Written, February 1942

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Art is an important part of any progressive nation's life and will always be integrated with education in alert communities

Above posters produced in the Milwaukee schools under the supervision of Alfred Pelikan, Art Supervisor. An important article on Defense Posters by Mr. Pelikan will appear in the next School Arts, giving complete Defense Poster Program for school art departments



URAL PAINTING OFFERS CREATIVE EXPRESSION FOR ALL

EDWIN D. MYERS, Instructor, Webster Groves High School, Webster Groves, Missouri

AKING murals for the library, school annual office, instrumental music rooms, classrooms, and hall is not only an exciting and joyful experience for the student, but likewise is a democratic means of creative expression for practical use. Our actual use of this bit of philosophy has successfully decorated the walls of our school with good student work while at the same time doing much to establish in the minds of the faculty and students that art is a valuable aid in the process of learning.

 Observing that my students enjoyed doing chalk murals and other large scale projects, we decided that doing a real mural for a specific spot would be a worth-while experiment. During a class discussion of this problem, it was suggested by a student that the Junior School Library was an ideal place for our first venture. Upon examination of the room it was decided that canvas would be more practical than painting directly on the walls. Two panels, 6 by 18 feet each, were prepared and placed on easels in the art room. Since this was an excellent chance for the integration of art and library reading, group plannings and discussions made possible a valuable exercise in critical judgment, "active appreciation." The subject matter finally chosen for the first panel was from the romantic pages of favorite American literature—"Leather Stocking Tales," "Westward Ho," "Ramona," "Mark Twain." "Old Ironsides," "Little Women," etc. The subject matter for the second panel was from the favorites of English Literature-"David Balfour," "Don Quixote," "Peter Pan," "Jungle Tales," "Heide," and "Robin Hood." The layout was done carefully on the canvas in charcoal and the process of painting commenced. Having had but a small amount of previous training in the handling of oil paint, the students showed that although a certain amount of skill is needed for any kind of expression, the flexibility of oil mediums was of great assistance and they gained confidence and skill as work progressed.

- This group of panels was so successful that a request for decorating the walls of the school "Annual" office was accepted. Subject matter for this commission was chosen by the "Annual" staff, the theme being the importance of the school "Annual" in school activities. Oil applied directly to a prepared wall was the medium used.
- More requests for murals came pouring in than we could execute in oil but we did a number in chalk media on large bogus paper that brightened up Math, Science, English, and many other classrooms.
- One request we did not turn down—and which is now in the process of execution, was a series of four panels, 6 by 18 feet, for the instrumental music rehearsal rooms, depicting the development of music through the ages. This problems was supervised by three girls who were music and art students. They did the research necessary in the field of music and contributed to the layout. In addition they executed the final panel of the series, its central theme being the contribution of public school music to the community.
- Organization of another unit to depict the development of Democracy in Education is under way. Research is to be done in collaboration with a Faculty study group now working on a Philosophy of Education for our school system. We strive at all times to keep our groups democratic, encouraging all who show an interest to participate in these large scale projects, but we do not lose sight of our educational policy to study individual traits, capacities, and interests. We encourage experimentation and do not discourage small scale units.





HIGH SCHOOL ART ASSEMBLY

NORMA BOSE Roosevelt High School Washington, D. C.

EW students in proportion to the enrollment elect art in the senior high schools in Washington, D. C. Some feel they have no talent; others, that they lack the time.

- To reach this majority of the student body, it has been the custom in the Roosevelt High School to put on an Art Assembly every other year or so. These take a year or more to prepare, as they are extracurricular, the art students working on them after school or in any free time.
- The first Assembly for which I was responsible proved so successful that it was presented seven times in the next two years for various schools, the P.T.A., the Art Teachers, and at the Corcoran Art Gallery. It illustrated the three important elements of Art—Line, Dark and Light, and Color.
- The plan of the Assembly was original in idea. I had just received a copy of "Understanding the Arts," after the general plan of the Assembly was formulated in my mind. Parts of the first chapter were used in the script of the first part of the program for which I was responsible.
- We conceived the idea of creating murals, illustrating the various departments of school. A committee of students was appointed to plan possible means of carrying on such a tremendous undertaking in an interesting and unusual way. Some of the students made sketches for these murals after determining the sizes, which were necessarily large in order to be easily seen from all parts of the auditorium, and yet not too large to be hung later in classrooms. While this work progressed, a member of the committee in charge of presentation of the murals, suggested using the microphone in the balcony booth of the auditorium to speak to the audience during the program. This was a successful innovation as everything was easily heard, and the attention of the audience was not distracted from the pictures by the presence of speakers on the stage. Tryouts were held to select the best voices and three were chosen.
- In order that the audience might understand how the artist must know the principles of art—Line, Dark and Light, and Color—and how to apply them, two students demonstrated with black chalk on large sheets of paper, color charts were shown, and three girls danced. Many pupils were needed to carry the paintings and charts on and off the stage, and to point out outstanding features as they were mentioned by the commentators. Because of this most of the students in my art classes took part, and felt that they really had had a share in producing this Assembly.



ILLUSTRATING LINE, DARK AND LIGHT, COLOR

First commentator reads.

What do your eyes do? They are seeing all the time. Every working hour they are carrying to the mind a picture of the world in which we live, our homes, our friends, cities, the country.

A little reflection or a talk with an artist on the subject reveals the fact that this ordinary daily seeing is quite different from the artist's way of looking at things.

Have you not observed that the more you see a landscape, the more details drop away? (Artist walks on stage and prepares to draw. A large easel with drawing board stands to one side with many sheets of white paper attached which can be easily torn off as used.)

Let us show you how an artist draws a tree. First, the trunk (long pause until artist finishes the trunk and begins the branches).

The branches (another long pause until artist begins foliage). And last the foliage. In a tree, the twigs are lost in the big masses of foliage. (Pause as artist continues drawing.)

Can't you remember when you drew a tree and put every single leaf on it?

What matters most in seeing a tree is a feeling of strength in the cylindrical trunk, not the details of the bark.

The eye of the artist sees these larger relationships and by emphasizing them, has expressed a more convincing characterization of the tree because the eye is undistracted by detail. (Long pause while the artist finishes and then leaves the stage. Second artist walks on stage and gets ready to draw. Commentator continues).

From the earliest times the painter has created form, on a flat surface, with the same means.

First with lines.

Second with dark and light.

Last with color.

Sometimes with one only, as for example, with lines. (Artist draws as commentator speaks.)



There are three types of lines:

Horizontal and vertical.

Curved.

Zigzag or angular.

Each of these may express a different feeling. Long straight lines give a sense of dignity and seriousness. You all know how the lines in the interior of a church appear to go upward, the pillars, the pipes of the organ, and the tall stained-glass windows, all helping to give a spiritual and uplifting effect. The towering steeples on some churches contribute further to this effect. (Artist draws in outline as commentator reads, and continues demonstrating the various types of lines.)

Curved lines and arches suggest lightness and comedy. Think of the circus. Aren't all the lines curved? The big top, the many rings where the animals perform, even the trapeze performers swing through the air in circular movements.

Zigzag lines and angles produce the feeling of excitement. Lightning is always thrilling to see.

One of our artists will show you what lines can be made to do. (Another artist thrills the audience with his action sketches.)

Lines create shapes. How many there are, such as the triangle, the rectangle, the circle, the octagon, the parallelogram!

A picture may be created by dividing an area into the geometric shapes mentioned. (A picture is shown which is a landscape created from a combination of geometric shapes in outline.)

You see a mass of shapes, many of which are easily recognized, such as a rectangle, a circle, an octagon, and a parallelogram.

Now we show you the same design shaded. It is not a realistic picture of some realistic place. It might be anywhere. The artist does not usually start in this way to create a landscape. We wish to show you that the artist as he works uses lines that are horizontal and vertical, zigzag, and curved, and that these in turn create shapes, most of which belong to the geometric family.

To further differentiate the pattern of houses, dark and light were added.

What does this mean? Dark and light means the effect of dark against light, or light against dark.

Another commentator begins.

This leads us to another consideration. What makes a painting good?

Should it be an accurate photographic copy? We would say "No," because we would only be doing what a camera is capable of doing. If a photograph is wanted by all means use a camera.

Is a picture fine because it is well done or because it tells an interesting story, or because it looks like a place or someone we have seen?

We must answer because it is well done and tells an interesting story.

A great painting is distinguished in two ways:

First, it must have an interesting idea.

Second, this idea must be expressed in a fine way.

All of us when first seeing a picture experience an emotional reaction. The color may thrill us, the subject may delight us. Then our minds begin to note and enjoy the harmonies produced by the interweaving of lines, forms, masses, and colors. We are noticing the design. Our pleasure in looking at harmonious design may be keen, or but dimly felt. If we are truly interested in painting, our powers of perception will grow.

Color is one of the most effective and varied means of expression. Its power is partly physiological. (Pupil carries on the stage three pictures, in each of which one of the three colors mentioned are dominant and shows each one to audience as the color is mentioned.)

We are all familiar with the feeling of cheerfulness aroused by vellow

Of excitement by red . .

And of quietude by blue.

Some colors are warm, like red and yellow . . . (Several large charts are shown to the audience).

Some colors are cool like blue and green .

Some appear to advance like yellow and red . .

Some retreat like blue and purple.

The same color looks different when next to a different color; for example, blue next to red does not look like the same blue as when it is next to green. You would not believe that this blue is the same.

A third commentator begins.

Three murals are brought on the stage.

Our first picture, the landscape, illustrated the use of line and dark and light. Now we introduce the third important element, color, together with the first two mentioned.

Our idea was to express in color, line, dark and light our language department. In each mural we have used appropriate lines and color and values to express the language and its people.

The center one represents the Latin department. We feel that this language is very stately and dignified. Because we know that lines may express so much, we have used a predominance of horizontal and vertical lines which are dignified and quiet, especially in the figures of the Roman Senators and Vestal Virgins, symbolizing the civil and religious life of the Romans. The Romans were fond of sports, and to express this we have used slanting or angular lines and curves, both of which express motion and excitement. Note, too, that the color is subdued and cool colors predominate.

Movements in the dance are very similar. The classical dance well illustrates this. (A classical dance follows.)

In the mural for the French department we have used a different line scheme as the French language is more staccato. To express this we have used a predominance of slanting lines, short, and changing direction constantly. The color, too, is contrasting; warm colors against cool and dark against light give this lively effect. This mural portrays a few of the outstanding characters in French History.

They are: Clovis, Charlemagne, Joan of Arc, Voltaire, Madame Pompadour, Robespierre, Marie Antoinette, Madame Curie, Clemenceau, Foch, Joffre.

A ballet dance is now presented.

You will notice a difference in the Spanish mural in the predominating line scheme. Here curved lines express the rhythm, the lightness and the charm of Spanish life and the language. We have depicted in this mural some of the most characteristic features of Spanish life, the fiesta, the bullfight, the tango, the gypsy dance. The two figures in the carriage are participants in a goyesca or procession in which they are costumed as characters from the paintings of the Spanish masters. This feature sometimes preceded a Sunday bullfight. Note the curved lines in the architecture of this 16th century gateway to the capital of old Castile.

A Spanish dance concludes the first half of the program. A musical selection by the school orchestra follows.

The second half of the program was a continuation of the first. Murals representing the various departments were shown, such as one for the English, History, Science, Geography, Fine Arts, Physical Training, and Business Practice.





EAL MURALS in Junior High School

BENNETTA KENNEDY, Art Instructor Walnut Junior High School Grand Island, Nebraska

NE of the most challenging and interesting projects ever taken up in the art department of Walnut Junior High School is the painting of murals directly on the hall and classroom walls by the students. The project was begun in a 9B class and will be finished this semester by the same class, now 9A's.

● The murals depict life and school activities in Walnut. Students are thoroughly familiar with these activities, scenes, and surroundings and so are easily able to create murals about such things. Preliminary studies and sketches were obtained at first hand by using students in action in various classes for models.

● Each student designed a mural using one or many of these classroom situations for the basic part of his creation. The first color sketches were worked out, after much thought and consideration, on hot pressed paper stretches, in water color. No attempt was made to conform to the color found in the actual situation. To keep them colorful was one aim, and each student planned his own colors. It was stimulating to the students to work on an excellent quality of paper and they were careful about its use. Enthusiasm was heightened when they saw their results completed in water color.

Each student in the entire class finished his water color sketch on hot pressed paper, matted it on white and had it framed.

• For the art room wall a mural design made by Betty Mae Christensen, fourteen, then a 9B student, was selected. This was enlarged to scale, finished 4 feet by 7 feet 6 inches, and painted directly on the wall in oil colors.

 This mural shows some of the activities of the art department, such as clay modeling, drawing, painting, wall arrangement, various crafts, and construction work.

On the study hall wall is a mural by Albert Batey, also fourteen and at the time a 9B student. It is more general in content and involves scenes from the shops, library, science laboratory, cooking and sewing labs, shower rooms, indoor and outdoor boys' and girls' sports, music, and art department scenes.

● In the main hall of the building two large murals, not yet finished, practically fill the length of the west wall above the lockers. These large compositions were made up of the work of the entire class. Parts of many students' designs were combined into two large compositions, some parts naturally being emphasized or subordinated as was necessary. These large murals are 14 feet by 7 feet 6 inches, the lowest edge being 6 feet 6 inches from the floor and the upper edge 14 feet from the floor.

● A scaffold was built by the industrial arts department large enough to permit six or eight to work comfortably at one time. A table-like shelf provides a place for their palettes and materials.

• Oil paint was an entirely new medium for all students but they are handling it nicely. All students in this group are average or above in art and were thoroughly familiar with color harmonies, intensities and values. The new experience of using oils only added to the pleasure and satisfaction they are deriving from the difficult task. Mastery of each step is the only motivation necessary. Pleasure, interest and ambition run high. Directing this enthusiasm rather than constantly striving for it is the teacher's problem in a project like this.

● The murals are to be finished finally with two coats of dull varnish to insure their permanency and to permit washing. These will remain for years to come as a monument to the enthusiastic hard work of the little artists who created them.







COOPERATIVE PROJECT

6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th Grades Participating IRENE HAZEL, Art Supervisor Caruthersville Public School Caruthersville, Missouri

UR basement lunchroom offered an ideal place for a permanent exhibition of school art. While the preliminary work of plastering the two free walls was being completed, giving a smooth finish upon which to work, a survey was made of children's interests, with the purpose in mind of deciding what the children would like to portray in a mural decoration.

● We worked out some creative ideas of our own—Little Black Sambo, Cinderella, The Three Bears, Mary Had a Little Lamb, and The Little Red Hen. Our walls measured 10 feet high and 30 feet long. We decided on a dark border 2½ feet up from the floor before starting the mural, the figures in the mural to be approximately 4 feet high. Small drawings were made on the subject chosen by each grade, the best ones chosen and then enlarged by blocking into squares to fit the given space of 6 feet by 8 feet allotted to each subject. The drawings from each grade were assembled and organized by a committee in that grade to fit in their particular space. Strips of wrapping paper were pasted together to do our preliminary drawing on. The back was then rubbed with dark crayon to make a carbon for transferring onto the plastered walls.

• Those who didn't have their drawing chosen were allowed to

trace, paint, or measure some part of the mural so that everyone felt that he had had an important part in the decoration. The mural was painted with flat and enamel paint in bright colors and took about six weeks to complete. The murals form a never-ending source of interest and amusement to our small patrons. It now takes them about twice as long to eat their lunch as formerly, they take so much time to discuss their favorite storybook characters depicted on the walls.

Educational value of the protect.

- The children's enthusiasm for decorating the lunchroom walls gave them an emotional outlet for their individual expression and great personal satisfaction. The project built up group consciousness and an interest in a common purpose. It furthered their interest in working together and taught them to recognize the value of the contribution of others.
- The project was varied with directed activity as well as creative activity and the grades participating had the satisfaction of producing something in which they felt the pride of the creative as well as having participated in something worth while; for a purpose which they felt to be both constructive and practical.



At the Farragut High School in Chicago the art department assisted the music department with the Fall Festival. Interesting songs about Chicago were the theme of the Festival so the advanced art class designed the above panels for backgrounds. A spotlight was thrown on the colorful backgrounds as the songs were played. The art work was done under the guidance of Helen C. Jacques, head of that department







HE Adult Education program of Hershey, Pennsylvania, sponsored this mural which was painted in oils directly on plaster. The two girl artists are employed in local industries but devote much of their time to the study and pratice of art.



MURALS BRIGHTEN the CORNER Where You Are

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E FEEL that no course of study in art is complete in any one grade unless some purposeful project is carried out combining each phase of the work studied.

 Two 9-l art classes have completed their work by decorating our two cafeterias. These cafeterias were devoid of any wall decoration

and the bare light green walls in low intensity held no attraction for the eye. We know that an atmosphere made cheerful through design and color does really give much pleasure and aids our digestion. That even colorless food holds less attraction than that which is colorful. To illustrate, compare these two trays of food. The first tray consisting of a glass of milk, a slice of white bread, boiled potato and creamed fish. The second tray consisting of a glass of fruit juice, a colorful salad, and tomato soup with dark bread.

● The 9-1 pupils study design and color, composition, and perspective. Each subject linked up nicely with the making of four panels to decorate our cafeterias. To let each pupil become

a part of this project a home work assignment was given in which each pupil was to express his personality freely by designing a composition suitable in subject matter for these panels.

- We decided to make four panels, two for each cafeteria. The size of each panel to be 4 feet by 6 feet and to be painted in poster paints upon wallboard. Each one to be framed in wood 4 inches wide.
- Subject matter was discussed and it was decided to take any of the following:

Raising of food products Preparation of food products Transportation of food products Sale of food products

- The next week when the home work was due none had failed to express their own ideas and each paper reflected more or less the personality of the designer.
- Reference material was resorted to for aiding in the better rendering of shapes and suggestions given for improving the compositions. These corrected compositions were then traced onto another paper and color harmonies chosen suitable for rooms with east exposure.
- The results were submitted to our Art Director who selected the best four compositions. The owners of these drawings enlarged them on large sheets of wrapping paper and traced them onto the wallboard.
- Each pupil in the class helped to do the painting of the panels.
 A committee of taller boys framed them and hung them at eye level.







HE BEGINNING FIGURE & & &

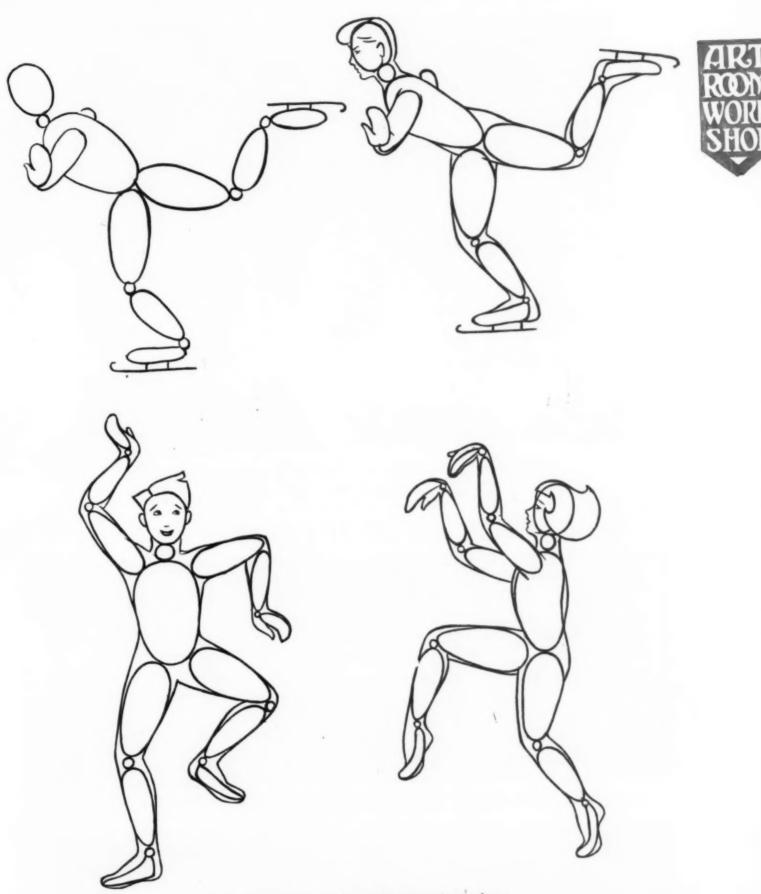
CHARLOTTE BISAZZA, Franklin High School, Seattle, Washington

LL beginners want to draw figures. Don't hold them back. Get the fun out of it. Don't be discouraged if first trys aren't so good.

- First discuss general and simplest big proportions. Then draw big, loose balloon men. Draw large. Work for freedom and action primarily. Have a good time! Check proportion. Let everyone criticize his neighbor's drawing.
- Now experiment! Swing in free, big balloon figures into a circle. Let the figures completely fill

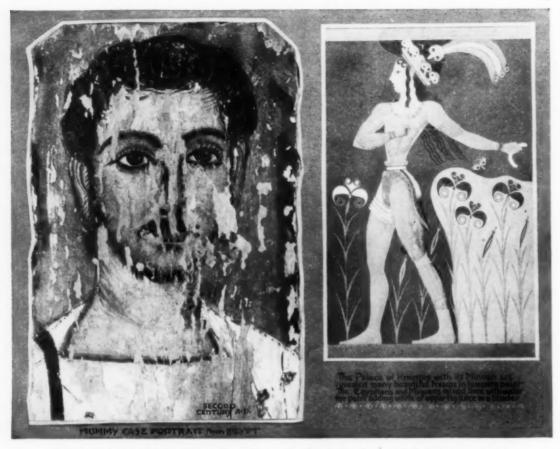
space. Head, feet, and hands, etc., practically touching the rim of the circle. (See next page.)

- Help each to choose his best from his experimental ones and swing it into a circle. Bend, twist and swing it to play up plenty of circular rhythm. Work for interesting light forms and interesting black background shapes. Put in only the most necessary detail.
- Finally exhibit everyone's work. Make each feel the fun of having a "success achievement."



For beginners in figure drawing have them draw big loose balloon men. Charlotte Bisazza, Franklin High School, Seattle, Washington



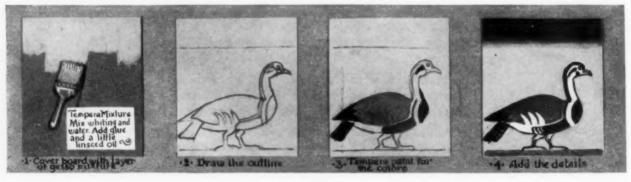


Grecian artists were brought into Egypt during the Greek Epoch about A.D. 100 to supply the portraits used on the mummy cases. The development from the formal modeled headpiece to the flat board painted portrait is shown on the opposite page. The portrait on this page was painted with tempera paint, a mixture of lime, white of egg, and dry color, painted on acacia wood. Fig juice was sometimes used instead of the egg

THESE WERE THE FIRST TEMPERA MURALS



One of the most precious finds in Tut-ankh-amen's tomb was a chest of wood painted in tempera over a layer of gesso. The scene shows a battle scene of Tut-ankh-amen defeating his enemies and was painted 1400 B.C. nearly 3400 years ago







The steps of Egyptian Mummy Portraits during the first 300 years since Christ is shown above. The long faced, haunting expression was used for many of these portraits and adapted by the Byzantines for their religious murals

THE ANCIENT ART of ENCAUSTIC or WAX PAINTING









The ancient portraiture influenced not only the Byzantine but also the Catalonian artists of early Spain and even El Greco adapted it and Picasso borrowed the "mannerism" termed by many as "modern" art



WATER COLOR WOOD BLOCK PRINTING

ADA GILMORE, Provincetown, Massachusetts

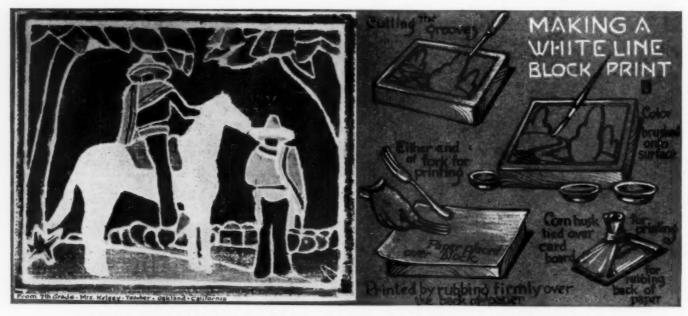


N THE Spring of 1915 a small group of American refugee painters from France arrived in Provincetown. Five or six of them had been using wood blocks as an art medium for a number of years. The best known of these

artists in Paris before the last world war was Ethel Mars. She had put into her print a unique modern feeling and a gaiety of color which had but slight relation to the classical wood block print. She had, however, learned the technical process from Edna Boyce Hopkins who studied in the Orient. Ethel Mars taught her simplified methods to Ada Gilmore, at that time a Paris art student, and to Mildred McMillen and Maud Squire. This group arrived in Provincetown at the same time and also J. B. Nordfeldt, who had been doing very individual prints in an Oriental tradition for a number of years. Oliver Chaffee and Juliette Nichols joined the group as print makers the first summer in Provincetown and later Blanche Lazzell, Agnes Wienrich, and others. In August 1915, Ambrose Webster gave his studio on the shore for the first wood block print exhibition. It caused somewhat of a sensation and was the beginning of the present Provincetown.

• All the artists used the Oriental method of one block of wood for each color. Ethel Mars first developed a short cut by cutting a line with a penknife between two colors here and there, reducing the number of her blocks to two. That suggested the idea to Nordfeldt of using one block only. He drew his designs directly on the block, cutting out the line design with a knife, making a deep groove to separate the colors. In triumph, he produced a print, designed, cut and printed in one day. That was the beginning of the one-block method of making a colored wood block print, now in general usage in this country. It was later discovered that the ancient Chinese had used this method. Nordfeldt began to use his discovery to help him get more modeling into his prints and less of the flat Oriental quality. Ada Gilmore later on carried this method farther, her prints looking so much like water colors that they were often mistaken for that medium. The others in the group retained a dry method of printing on soft paper.

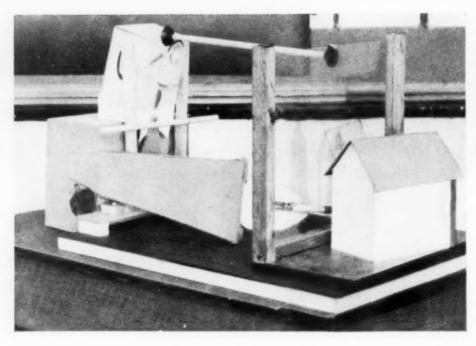
• In 1920 a Provincetown Print Club was founded and exhibitions were sent over the country. The so-called "Modern Art" and brilliant color seemed to be accepted and admired in colored prints when it would not be in paintings. This Provincetown group exhibiting each summer in the art museum is said to have had a strong influence on American art. Blanche Lazzell did the most in spreading the art, through teaching and exhibiting in her Provincetown fishhouse studio.



The "white outline" block print has been used for both wood and linoleum successfully. The example above has been made in the seventh grade and the method produces good results with the need of but little equipment

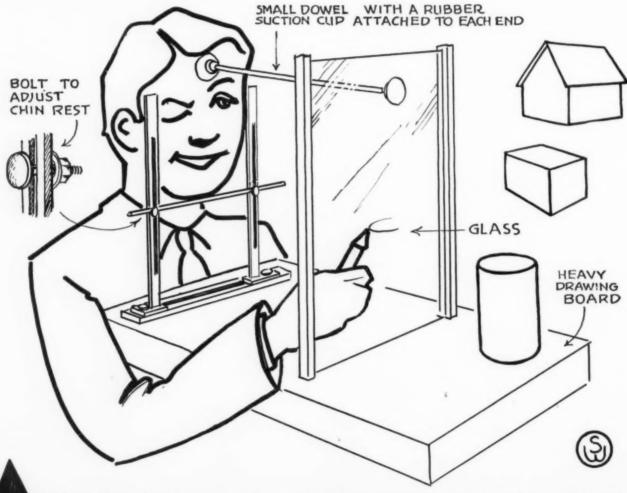


The Egyptians first wrote their history with pictures and thereby stimulated art nationally. Their hieroglyphic writing required speed and therefore simplicity of expression. With this picture simplicity acquired they never lost it in their art. Carving and modeling in our schools can be simplified if taught in the same steps developed by the Egyptians





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T NO time has it been as necessary for art teachers to snap out of their art systems and classroom devices as it is at the present. Directed teaching should take a near back seat. Not a back seat because a teacher's guidance must be there.

• For the teaching of perspective I use the instrument shown, constructed to help the child to actually see what he is supposed to know and not just to learn principles word for word.

• I took a drawing board on which I placed a piece of glass. The head frame is necessary because the children's heads are bound to move from side to side, thus they would be unable to focus proper attention on the object being traced. The tracing on the glass is done with a large kindergarten size black wax crayon.

This is one way the child can learn perspective by actually doing it.





DESIGNED FIGURE MURALS FOR BEGINNERS

ESTHER deLEMOS MORTON



N ALL murals, whether simple room projects or advanced outdoor fresco, those which will be most successful will have at least four fundamentals of good design practice. 1. They will be in relative proportion to the room interior or building exterior upon which they are painted. 2. They will conform in design composition to the space allotted to them. 3. They will become a part of the wall and visually stay up on it. 4. They will be related in subject to a room in which they are used.

• So that the finished mural may be displayed to its best advantage let us give consideration to the first of these four objectives. The proportion of the mural in relative size to the room or building is important because:

(a) Too large a decoration will not hold together on a small wall. The eye cannot perceive the decoration or the story told in it, thereby defeating the purpose of the mural.

(b) Oversized forms will depress and trend to dwarf a small room. Psychologically the reaction would not be favorable for a classroom. The same applies to the exterior walls of a building. Giant size figures on a small structure give it a grotesque appearance and make it out of proportion to surrounding trees and foliage.

● When the chosen wall space has been decided upon, attention can be turned to the second principle—that of making the design conform to the space allotted to it. The shape of the mural space will govern the shapes and positions of the figures and accessory decoration. Keep the figures in the panel, do not compose them so that they appear to be walking out of the space. Plan for a point of interest and also a theme line which will carry the eye from one form to the next. As in all designing, remember the first rules of dividing space—predominant, dominant, and subordinate spaces in every phase of the design.

With the wall space for the mural and the motive of its design now decided upon the third point must now be considered.

● The definition of a mural is a design on or pertaining to a wall so we must find a method of rendering the mural design so it will achieve just that. To begin with, flat, two-dimensional design forms without strong color opposition will best fill this requirement. However, the degree of activity that the mural is to have must be determined by the last of the preceding fundamentals—the relation of the mural to the subject or the activity of the room in which it is used. As an example, a study hall would not want a brilliantly colored decoration that is full of action. Some people would not be affected by its restless qualities but others would become nervous and disturbed. Use a static decoration, with practically no line of motion. Quiet color tones will be most

appreciated where quiet and concentration are the governing factors of the room.

• For a long hallway with dark spaces above lockers use the active, bright-colored decorations. The spacing of murals will break the monotony of the long walls. Its color should create a cheerful attitude in those who see it and the action in design will have a stimulating effect upon hallway traffic.

● There is use for the animated or cartooned mural too. However, the degree of animation should suit the occasion, depending on the nature of the decoration and how long it is to be in use. For permanent use the mural should not be too funny for the humor will grow tiresome in permanent position, but for short celebrations, carnivals or shows, the very humorous and gay decorations will lend a lot of interest.

● Now with these four important limitations in mind—the placement of the mural, its design to suit the space, its compliance to the fundamentals of wall decoration, and the adaptation of the subject to the room or building, the next move should be to start sketching and find a way to actually execute the mural.

Here lies the biggest problem for the beginning student, that
of designing the figures so as to have them conform to the design
pattern of the mural.

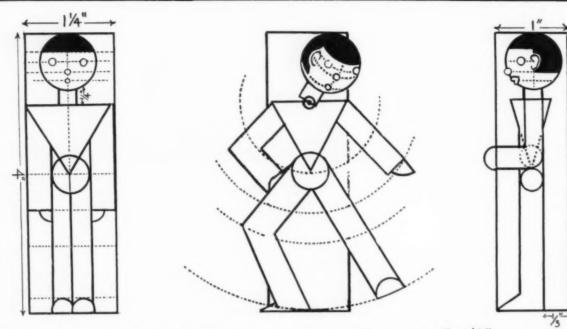
● To be able to design a figure does not mean that the student must first have a course in life drawing and anatomy. The youngest students will attempt representations of figures. This representation of figures is exactly what is wanted in design. Where designed figures are to be used it becomes necessary to study the represented geometric shapes that compose a human figure—circles, squares, triangles, and their variations. Cut these shapes in desired proportion from white paper and try various figure arrangements of them on a dark background. Pay especial attention to the relative proportions of the figures and interesting arrangements of the shapes within the figures. When satisfactory figure designs are achieved these practice forms may be used as mannequins to guide the student in the actual drawing of his mural panel.

For those who find it difficult to readily conceive the general proportions of a figure it may be well for them to work out a mannequin based upon simple proportions similar to that suggested at the top and bottom of this page and top of following page.

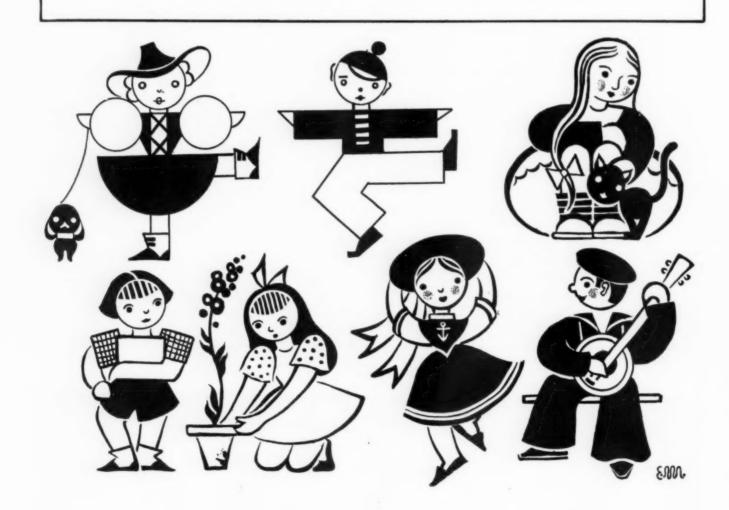
By starting beginners with simple forms that will work into decorative arrangements without discouraging them at the beginning, they will find that they have achieved much in design and basic figure structure as well as having thoroughly enjoyed the accomplishment of a designed figure mural.

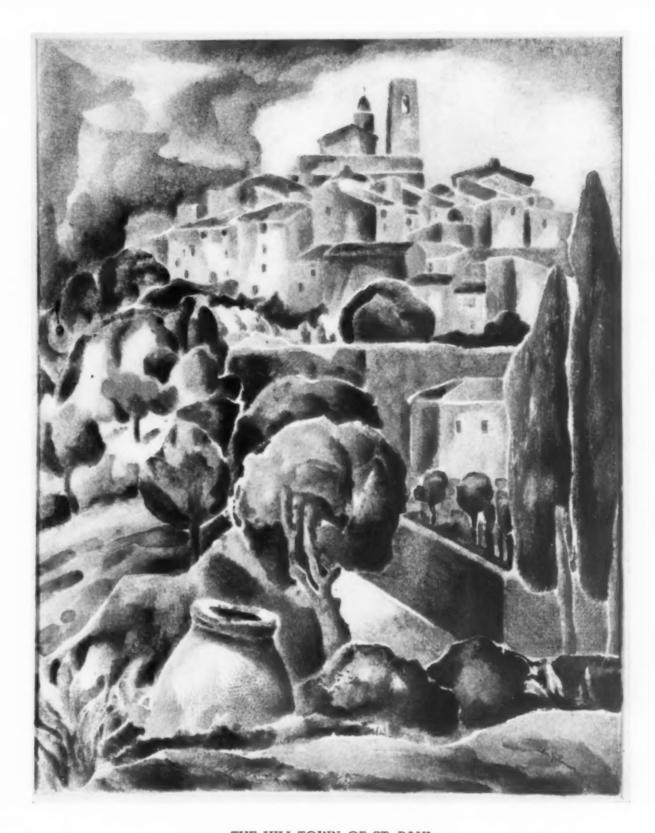






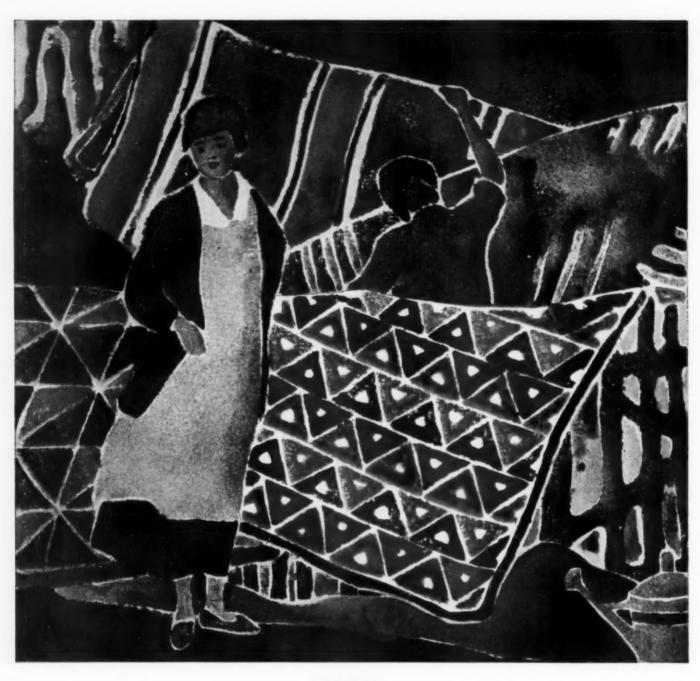
- A MANEQUIN WHOSE PROPORTIONS ARE BASED ON A 4"X 14" RECTANGLE
- IN MOTION HIS LEGS AND ARMS SWING ON A SERIES OF ARCS THE CENTER OF WHICH IS AT THE BASE OF THE NECK
- THE PROFILE FIGURE CAN BE WORKED INTO A 4"x1" RECTANGLE





THE HILL-TOWN OF ST. PAUL

A quaint, medieval-type town in Southern France sketched and reproduced in color woodblock by Ada Gilmore, a method producing water-color qualities of much charm and textures.

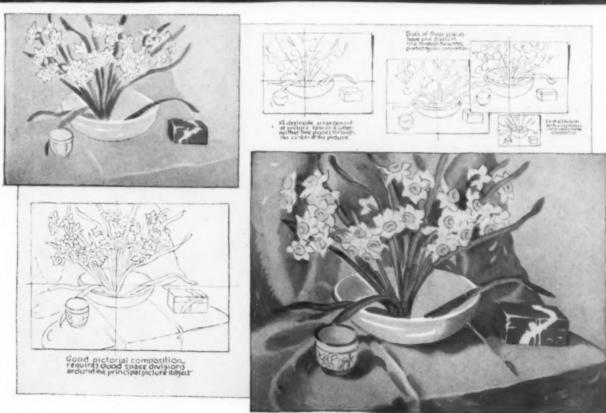


"QUILTS"

A BLOCKPRINT BY ADA GILMORE

Provincetown, Massachusetts, artist who found this colorful subject in her own home town. The process of this blockprint is one of successive printings from the one block as explained by description in this magazine issue.





STILL LIFE WATER COLOR PAINTING by MIRIAM deLEMOS

Illustrating the progressive steps in painting and composition. See the reverse side for applied art uses of this subject.



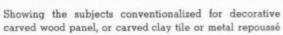






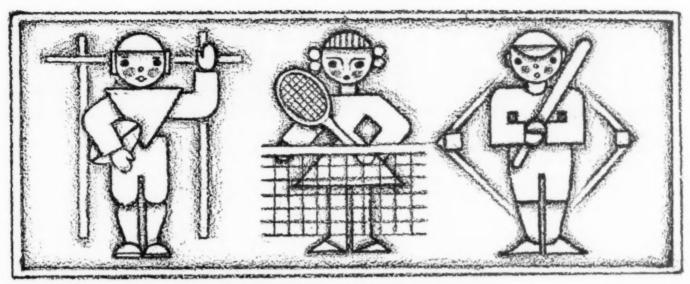
- Subject is outlined with heavy line producing not only a decorative quality but also used in block printing subjects to give a guide line for successive color printings.
- The subject done in flat separated parts, giving a poster quality to the subject for publicity needs. Also perfectly adaptable for direct use in stencil cutting and printing and for silk screen printing.
- A white line outline plus flat use of color produces an ornamental decorative rendering usable for advertising purposes, book covers and illustration and applied craft purposes.
- Decorative outline with conventionalizing of flower and leaf parts and spaces between parts. Used for wood carved panels, textile decorations, relief metal and many applied arts.







A design for textile printing for silk or cretonne purposes either by block printing, stencil printing or batik process



. A STATIC DECORATION WITH NO LINE OF MOTION



• FOR LONG TIME USE THE ANIMATED MURAL SHOULD BE MORE DESIGNED THAN CARTOONED

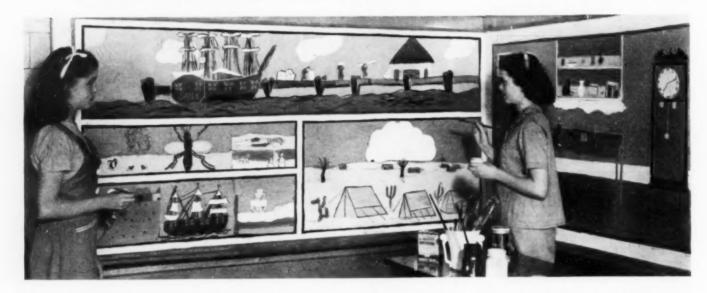


THE ACTIVE MURAL STIMULATES MOTION

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BRIEF ILLUSTRATED HELPS, new ideas, and new ways of using old ideas are invited for this section. Address all articles to Pedro deLemos, Stanford University, California



POSSIBILITIES of MURAL PAINTING in GRADE SCHOOL

MORRIS PLEASON, Art Teacher WILLIAM SCANLAN, Academic Teacher Galtier School, St. Paul, Minn.

IGHTH grade boys and girls are interested in biography.

As a part of the work in general science, the children studied about health heroes. The work centered around the lives of six of these individuals: Louis Pasteur, Edward Jenner, Florence Nightingale, Robert Koch, Edward Livingston Trudeau, and Walter Reed. In the academic field certain objectives such as increasing one's vocabulary, acquiring a scientific point of view, respect for science, and increasing one's information in the field of science, were kept in mind.

- It was hoped that this particular unit of work would lend itself to the correlation of art with subject matter fields. One of the final specific outcomes was to be a series of mural paintings on the blackboards in the home room of the 8A class. This class was composed of forty-seven boys and girls.
- From the point of view of the art teacher one of the objectives to be accomplished by an experimental activity of this nature was the stimulation of creative activities. As a result of such an experience the boys and girls should have an increased and more advanced appreciation and understanding of the art processes involved, and also a better understanding of the uses and value of mural painting. The teacher was constantly trying to develop the imagination, mental imagery, and feeling of these young people so that they would be better able to express ideas in the form of drawings and paintings.
- The student expresses his ideas from his own point of view. There is recognition on the part of the teachers of the stage of development of these young people. Many of the boys and girls are adolescent; a few are more mature; some are still pre-adolescent. The child is accepted at his stage of development and brought along from that point. He is given new educational experiences.
- ACADEMIC PREPARATION. The boys and girls were to study the lives of the six scientists. They began by studying that of

Louis Pasteur. A series of booklets, entitled "Health Heroes," supplied free by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, was used as a basic reference throughout the study. Additional information concerning these men was obtained from such other references as encyclopedias, science books, biographies, etc. Much use was made of the dictionary to assist in increasing the vocabulary of the children.

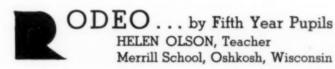
- ART PREPARATION. In art, references to good examples of mural painting were pointed out. All during the first stage of the study emotional experiences were being built up in the students that would call for expression through drawing and painting.
- The use of art principles plays an important part in the making of a work of art. Such principles are: the use of good proportions, balance, rhythm, and pleasing arrangement of color harmony. A mural painting is a part of a wall of a room, and therefore, to a great extent, must be a flat decoration so as not to distort the architectural construction of the room.
- WORKING MATERIALS. The working materials needed for such a study are found easily in the average school. These include the following: manila paper (10 by 14 inches), crayons (sixteen assorted colors), blackboards, kalsomine colors, brushes (various sizes from ½- to 1½-inch).
- THE FIRST MURAL—LOUIS PASTEUR. After the boys and girls had finished reading the life of Louis Pasteur, preparation of the drawings was begun. Each student drew on a piece of manila paper with crayons the particular incident in the life of the scientist that most appealed to him. As the student progressed in his work, the teacher helped by questioning to bring out the student's idea and aid him in visualizing his idea. While the teacher was doing this he was constantly raising such questions as balance, proportion, color harmony, etc., always keeping the student experimenting without giving direct help to the child's difficulties.

- After a number of the boys and girls had finished their drawings, discussion followed. Then comparisons were made. This was done for the purpose of stimulating better understanding and also better work.
- Next came the selection of the best drawings from the class for the mural paintings. For the Louis Pasteur mural, nine drawings were selected. Seventeen people participated in the painting of this mural. These nine drawings were arranged on the blackboard so as to give a panel effect with a border. A large painting was placed at either end to give balance; between these a series of small panels was placed. First, the drawings were drawn directly on the blackboard with white chalk. Following this decisions concerning color arrangements were made. A color scheme was worked out by which all the colors were related to each other in an harmonious scheme. In this way one panel was related to the next by introducing some colors from the previous panel. Some of the colors used were: various blues, reds, yellows, greens, browns, orange, and black and white. Flat colors were

used with little or no modeling. The consideration of values was stressed a great deal, a dark against a light, with halftones to add interest.

- THE SECOND MURAL. The second mural consisted of a series of four panels, one picture of each of four "Health Heroes." The boys and girls chose to paint scenes from the lives of Florence Nightingale, Robert Koch, Edward Jenner, and Edward Livingston Trudeau. Each picture was complete in itself as far as color and composition were concerned. The compositions of this series showed development in advance of the first mural. More study was given to the figures, and as a result the figures showed a marked advancement in figure construction. A finer sensitivity to color also was felt in this series of pictures.
- ◆ THE THIRD MURAL. One small board was used for this mural. The series of pictures in this mural had to be related to the first series and also to the second. A feeling of unity was desired. The mural was simpler in composition than the second series. This panel told the story of the work of Walter Reed with yellow fever.





The Mural was made in opaque water color and measured 4 by 19 feet when completed—the outcome of the study of the Western States in connection with social studies



MAP YOUR DRAW . DOROTHY VIRGINIA BENNIT Hackett Junior High School, Albany, New York

ORTY-EIGHT seventh grade boys are ready to start a new art problem. The teacher produces a hat in which are forty-eight folded slips of paper, each bearing the name of a state. She stirs the paper slips to get suspense. Then-"Take one!"

- "I got-!"
- "What's it mean?" and more exclamations break the stillness. Curiosity finally quiets tongues, and ears tune in to hear that each boy is to do a private detective job on his own particular "draw." (This booms the use of Social Studies reference material).
- · "What in particular?"
- "Anything—history, products, legend—
- · Bring your report with evidence in the form of articles, pictures, maps, and find out next class."
- Next class is cluttered with evidence of much research and competition. Each state has assumed personal importance for its
- "What for?" The boys suspect an illustrated map but aren't sure.
- "Boys, imagine you are pinch-hitting for the local newspaper





cartoonist. In his place you must draw in humorous form an outstanding feature of your state for the Sunday supplement-

- "All that work we did for a cartoon?"
- Enlightenment by the teacher on just how much reference work a good cartoonist must do for each drawing had best be convincing. The facts are amazing and show that creators of editorial cartoons must be omniverous readers of history as well as current events. (Further boom for Social Studies.)
- The boys do some rather noisy discussing, then, getting the notion, laugh over first one idea then another. Practice paper for sketches is soon covered.
- From now on sketches are weeded out until the most amusing ones are left. These are class-criticized, redrawn, enlarged and applied to "the" maps re-drawn to a chosen scale on 16- by 19-inch paper. Water color mixed with pride, care, and frequent laughter finishes the problem and forty-eight boys want to know, "What do we take a 'draw' on next?"
- (Marks in Art show a distinct rise for this problem. Marks in Social Studies show a corresponding improvement and a continuing one.)

NOTE. This problem could well be used for girls or for a mixed group. Or it could be apportioned to the boys of several mixed groups, the girls being given a related but more feminine task.

HIS backboard mural was made by the 9th grade art class at Roosevelt Junior High School of Pittsburg, Kansas. The students first sketched the outlines in chalk on the blackboard and then filled in the areas in color with a mixture of powdered poster paint which is durable but may be easily washed off again.

 The methods of deep mining are depicted at the left of the girl. At the right of the boy are the methods of pit mining, and King Coal behind them holds various products made from coal. Martha Gibson is the instructor responsible for this successful piece of work.







exture and art composition were predominant in the Nature Mural

THE COOPERATIVE INFLUENCE OF MURALS IN ART

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EDUCATION as a process of living is plainly brought out in the classroom in the making of a mural. Here children work together on a more intimate plane, learning to plan, discuss, criticise, and accept criticism. This working together fosters the democratic idea and at the same time helps bring out the potential abilities in children as they strive to conquer the technicalities of art composition.

• Schools may provide their own classroom and hall decorations through murals instead of depending solely on ordinary pictures. These are greatly enjoyed by pupils because of the natural personal interest which grew with their construction. Classes given the opportunity to create murals for the halls and classrooms feel a natural distinction. The work of the children should be planned in such a way that other pupils feel the stimulating influence and recognize the quality of work carried out by their classmates. Subjects chosen should be within the experience of the children, providing the opportunity to express their own ideas.

● Murals are worked out entirely by pupils under the guidance of the teacher. The subject matter should be discussed and selected by the class, thus bringing the material in line with the interest of the pupils. Committees can be formed by the children themselves and material relating to the work is gathered by those members. After a discussion by the individual pupils of the committee with the class, small sketches are drawn by the children. These drawings can then be criticized for ideas, drawing, composition, layout, and color.

In its initial stage, the mural is drawn in charcoal, since this medium can easily be erased and changed if mistakes are made. Colored chalk or powdered or liquid show card color is recommended for color. The former is quicker and offers more possibility for blending and shading. Unfortunately, this is a very dirty medium and special care must be taken to prevent soiling the floor and walls as well as children's clothes. In any case, the pupils should be encouraged to bring aprons, smocks, and overalls for this work. If sharp contrast is desired, liquid show card color will give the best and most permanent results.

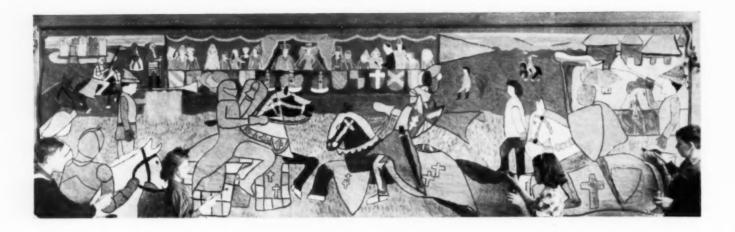
● The organization of groups or committees in charge of the progress of the mural offers many possibilities for good activity. A research group can be made responsible for the authenticity of the subject; work groups can be arranged so that each pupil can contribute the section in which his preliminary sketch showed him superior; a group may be in charge of framing; and possibly the class officers can interview the principal or room teacher for a suitable display place. If desirable, the work of each object or unit can be assigned to pairs of pupils, providing for much criticism and suggestion. On the whole, this type of class work insures genuine group activity in which everyone can make a significant and appreciative contribution.

● Examples of two murals that have been completed in the Plymouth Township schools are shown. Below a primary unit carried out by first and second grades on "The Community, Home and Farm." Egypt came to life as children of the fourth grade correlate their art in mural decoration with history. The study of sea life becomes more fascinating as the wonders of the sea begin to take collective form and shape in a mural. The story of the ship was carried out in a similar manner by a seventh grade class. The striving by youngsters for form and texture as well as other features of art, such as composition, contrast, arrangement, line, mass, and color, are brought out in the eighth grade mural on Nature Study.



Home and Farm mural was carried out by the first and second grades





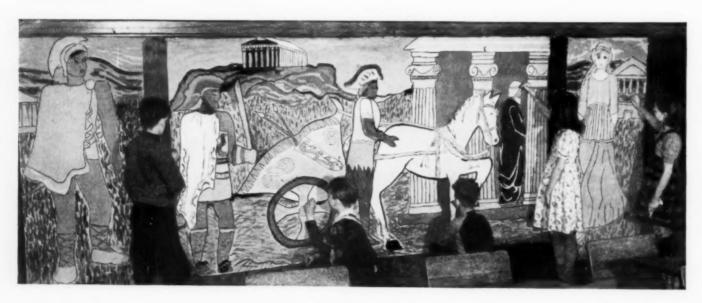
HOW THE FOURTH, FIFTH, AND SIXTH GRADES PAINTED MURALS THELMA BIDDLE, Supervisor of Elementary Art, Elkhart, Indiana

E ARE trying to allow the child to express his own ideas in his own way with the teacher giving help only in the techniques and uses of materials. Neither do we spare encouragement so that the child will gain confidence and will respect his own work and that of other children.

basic art principles are taught indirectly when the need occurs and not as formal principles which might hinder rather than release creative spirit. The child's limited motor coordination and other inaptitudes are enough hampering forces, so why put others in his way or make him strive for adult standards?

- How sorely do we need to teach ourselves and patrons that art is supposed to be free to any man, that at least for a few moments the child may create exactly as he feels, to be unhindered, and to feel the flow of material under his fingers respond to his will. It is our ultimate aim to help the child know he is capable of working independently, and with others, making his own decisions and of carrying through activities.
- The fourth, fifth, and sixth grade pupils of Rice, South Side, and Middlebury Schools began their study of "Medieval Life," "Life in the South," and "Greek Life" in their social studies. A great variety of interests were evidenced in all units. Each child was allowed to express his own ideas in his own way with various mediums. Each did his own research on his particular subject, thus providing enrichment for all.

- The classes decided what the subject of the picture should be and what should be represented. In order to make a good layout for the scene, the following points were discussed as guiding principles:
 - That a picture should have a center of interest. That the center of interest is made most important by its size, placement, and color.
 - That all other figures and lines should lead the eye toward the center of interest.
 - Figures could best be seen when they are drawn large and that pleasing spaces should be created and filled.
 - 4. That lines, dark and light, and color should be repeated.
 - For contrast, light colors should be painted on dark or different colors and vice versa.
- With these points in mind, the children sketched the layouts with charcoal or white chalk on brown wrapping paper. The pictures were then painted with kalsomine paints in colors of their own selection.
- The results were beautifully colored scenes that were framed and hung as a part of the room decorations. This was permanent proof that each child was entirely capable of combining his efforts with those of others to create something that was beautiful for the pleasure of all.







MURAL BACKDROP FOR THE STAGE 🕱

BETTY R. SANDBOURNE, Teacher, Windsor School, Omaha, Nebraska

AVING been successful in decorating classrooms with murals, when if came time for the annual school program, the Art Department was asked to provide a mural backdrop for the stage. (The stage is the other end of our library, and its wall had a very unsatisfactory drape as a background, so it became a pleasure to replace it with something more interesting.)

- There were many contenders in the class of fifty-two eighth graders for the honor of working on the mural, but six were selected because of some special talent shown throughout the year in regular classwork.
- These six had their reference material provided for them in the subject the different classes were using as the stunt they contributed to the annual Windsor School program. The title for the program was "Our United States" and it fired the imagination of these six to fever pitch.
- We have one unit representing Early Explorers, one unit Community Helpers, one class representing the Signing of the Declaration of Independence, a Nebraska unit, and with the Development of Transportation, Communication, and Industries, our work was practically mapped out.
- After measuring the space and doing a little arithmetic the artists cut eleven lengths of 24-inch width wrapping paper 9 feet high, and glued the sides together.
- The drawing was done in white chalk on the paper curtain, the artists working on their knees.

- New wallboard was given to the school as a gift from the eighth grade and was installed to fit the end of the room which required three additional strips of paper in the curtain and some readjustment on the original plans.
- One amusing incident attendant to the drawing of the Statue of Liberty: since I had not enough "free" hours to work with the six they worked alone some of the time. They were a little puzzled as to how to get the Statue of Liberty with its larger proportions until one of them happened to notice the tallest boy in the school, a little over six feet, in the hall. He was called in and persuaded to pose for the drawing in the simplest way imaginable—by lying on the floor in the desired position. One of the artists traced the general outline of the recumbent model, and proceeded from there!
- After we had pinned up the paper curtain, now 27 feet long, we had to work in the library to color. The eighth grade class cheerfully gave up their art period a few times, and the six gave up their library periods, and so the eighth grade was able to watch the progress of the mural and offer valuable suggestions. We used lecturer's chalk, and also colored chalk sticks.
- One advantage to this activity is the fact that we have the firm wallboard background, and can replace the mural from year to year, giving other children an opportunity to plan, develop and complete even greater results.
- As a wall end to our library it now presents a bright, colorful decoration stimulating to the imagination and lending a truly American atmosphere.





THE HISTORY OF NEW YORK ... A Frieze by a 6A Class

DOROTHY L. BROWNE, Main Street School, Huntington, New York

HE walls had been rather bare and uninteresting for two or three weeks. It was one of those "between project" periods. The pupils thought it would be nice to have something big that could be hung up and enjoyed for the rest of the year. As we were studying settlements at the time, it was decided that we should depict the story of some colony. New York was selected for two reasons—partly because we were just about to study it, and partly because it is our own state.

• In preparation for our activity, it was necessary to find many pictures of early trains, boats, costumes, etc., and to read many stories of early New York. Next came days when every pupil made rough sketches of anything that had been suggested to him by these stories and pictures. These sketches were tacked up around the

room so all the ideas could be seen at once, in order that a plan could be made by which the whole story might be combined into a frieze. The two groups having the best plan pooled the usable ideas in each and made a rough sketch to plan the placing. Each child who had a good sketch, i.e., a boat, a train, or a figure, was asked to put his contribution in the space planned for it by the committee.

• The frieze, 21 feet by 3 feet, was done in several tones of blue. Each of the thirty-seven pupils in the group worked on it. The few who were not very good at art work, painted the background. Not only did this group enjoy the project. It was left in the room for the next group, who studied the settlement of New York by finding out what each thing on the frieze represented.

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A MURAL . . . LAND, WATER, AIR TRAVEL

ELLA SIMPSON, Teacher

Fifth Grade, School No. 1, Little Falls, New Jersey



Y CLASS, in reading about the World's Fair, came across the word "mural." This led to a discussion of the meaning of the word. Many pictures of murals were brought in. The class visited our new post office which has a beautiful mural depicting rural life. All this discussion naturally led to a desire to make a mural of our own.

- We had just started our work on transportation. The class decided to make a mural showing the development of land, water, and air travel from early days to the present.
- A bare space over our blackboard seemed to need decorating, a space 22 feet by 3 feet. That was the space we planned to use for our mural.
- As we studied each type of travel the children drew and

colored pictures on newsprint paper. When we had our pictures finished we spread our heavy poster roll paper on long tables. We placed the children's best drawings, selected by the class, on this paper, shifting them around to allow for difference in size and subject until we thought we had the best layout possible.

- Next each child transferred his picture to the large paper by means of carbon paper.
- After the pictures were transferred we sketched in a suitable background. We painted our mural with kalsomine powder paints and found they worked very well and the colors were pleasing.
- When the mural was completed we fastened it in place. We were so proud of it that we had a showing for the other grades in the school. Volunteers explained the meaning and told about the methods of transportation pictured.





OUR INTERNATIONAL FRIEZE

HELEN STEVENS, Darwin School, Chicago, Illinois



N MAY and June of each school year, the upper grade pupils of the Darwin School, Chicago, plan and paint a frieze to adorn the wall of their school assembly hall. The space to be covered is 66 feet long by 2 feet high, extend-

ing around the back part of the stage. The children realized that in order to carry clearly to the rear of the auditorium, the figures would, of necessity, have to be simple and as large as the height of the space to be filled. The coloring, too, had to be as bright as possible with plenty of contrast.

- We cast about for a subject for our frieze. The boys and girls were anxious to portray baseball and sports, but, with the guidance of our teacher our thoughts were directed to a patriotic subject.
- We worked out the fact that America is the melting pot for all nations. People from all parts of the world come here. After a stay in our beloved land they become fine American citizens. So at certain specified distances in the frieze the United States is represented as a huge melting pot. The golden glow from the fire under the melting pot lights up the background with bright tints of yellow and orange in fine contrast to the gray background surrounding the figures in the rest of the frieze.
- The spaces provided between the repeated melting pot is occupied by groups of dancing figures. Across the back wall of the stage can be found dancers

from Spain. The bright red and yellow costumes show up beautifully against the gray of the setting.

- In the second space are the figures of folk dancers from Sweden and Denmark. Their colorful clothing repeat much of the color of the Spanish group.
- The picture between the next two melting pots is a group of Dutch peasants, doing slow wooden-shoed steps so well known to their moments of gaiety. The same somber gray, symbolic of war clouds, backs them up.
- In the center spaces are the folk dances of Russia, France, and Belgium. All are in their colorful native attire.
- The right-hand side of the stage depicts the American Indian in ceremonial dress, doing a tribal dance. There, too, is the American Negro in bright calico, patches and all, making merry in a barn dance.
- The left-hand portion of the stage illustrates the people of the Orient who, also, have come to our shores and become good citizens in the melting pot of our beloved country. Here we find the dancers of Hawaii in their grass skirts, accompanied by figures who strum Hawaiian guitars.
- The yellow light behind the melting pot represents the sunshine of opportunity to be found in our country.





The Fourth Grades' mural in Lincoln School was done under direction of Mary

RECREATION MURALS . . . A Unified School Art Project

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HROUGHOUT our city school system each school selects an annual subject to be carried out in the various art projects. The topic for our building various art projects. The topic for our building was "Recreation," which was adaptable to all grades and seasons. The subject was within the scope of every child's experience.

MOTIVATION. Recreation was a subject which required no motivation for we found the children exceedingly enthusiastic. Their interest was high at all times, and their suggestions plentiful. Illustrative material was brought by the children in great

• PROCEDURE. Each room began early in the fall to carry out "Recreation in Various Forms." These included many materials and techniques as:

pencil frescol powder paint colored chalk poster paint paper cutting water color paper tearing clay cravon

The sizes of these projects varied from 9- by 12-inch paper to 4- by 9-feet. The work was carried out by individuals, by small groups, or the entire class as the type of project required.

- TECHNIQUES AND OUTCOMES. One of the outcomes of the year's work in each room was the painting of a large, colorful mural for the enjoyment of all.
- In the first grade the mural pictured three children jumping rope. The figures were drawn directly on the large paper while children from the room acted as models. One group painted the figures while a second one planned and painted the background. Powder paint and large brushes were used. Miss Pearl Fiker was in charge, and is the teacher of this grade.
- Miss Marjorie Nuss found that her children enjoyed planning a winter mural. The whole class made various plans which were

discussed and changed as needed. As the children enjoy winter sports like sliding, snowballing, building of snowmen and forts, they wanted to depict these activities. Suggestions from their own clothing played an important part in the clothing as well as in the colors used in painting them. Powder paint and large brushes

- In the third grade the idea of being a helper had been emphasized previously and this carried over into the planning of the winter mural. Fun and work were combined in this composition. Children of this age enjoy being helpers. Miss Elizabeth Faust's class also worked as a group and used powder paint.
- Miss Mary James had her fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh grades paint murals. The one pictured is by the fourth grade. In planning it, 12- by 18-inch paper was used. Then a group of four children enlarged the figures sketching them directly on large 4- by 9-foot paper. These children were selected because they had done unusually well in figure drawing. As snow suits were worn by these girls they wished to dress their figures the same. Again the idea of helpfulness and recreation of their own experience is evident. Personal taste was shown in the selection of colors. The importance of value was learned.
- CORRELATION. Throughout the year the various grades correlated other subjects with the art work in completing the subject of recreation and the murals. Some of these were:

Language, Poems and Stories Reading, Recreation in Southern Colonies Recreation in Northern Colonies Social Studies Physical Education

Mathematics

 Each teacher feels that the topic was very suitable and worth while as it made possible a unified project throughout the grades.
 Individual and group choices were possible—adapting the subject to age interest and age level.

In the same school the second grade made this mural with Marjorie Nuss, Teacher



A CINDERELLA UNIT

MARY G. PALERMO, Grade Two Lincoln School Englewood, New Jersey

ASED upon the story of Cinderella which the children had read in their Second Reader and later retold in their storytelling period, the following project evolved.

• The class illustrated the story and then having selected the "best pictures" bound them into book form and entitled it "Our Cinderella Book." One of the boys made a small coach using a shoe box as a foundation upon which to build. The large coach in the photograph was an enlargement of the same third-dimensional idea. One of the girls painted a frieze showing the coach and coachman, the fairy godmother and Cinderella in the moonlit garden just before Cinderella's departure for the castle. The frieze was hung on the wall above the completed unit for "atmosphere."

• Upon two large pieces of cardboard, 26 by 36 inches, were painted pumpkins, one for each side of a large carton box which was to be the coach. Doors and windows were painted on the pumpkins. Then two rounded sticks were used as axles for wheels of strong cardboard. Holes were bored through the ends of the axle rods and ordinary 2-inch nails piercing the centers of both wheels and axles made rotary motion possible and proved to be a source of interest and entertainment to the children.

 Lanterns for the front and rear of the coach were made of red paper, folded into four parts and attached by means of paper fasteners. Another child painted lighted candles upon them. Cuts in the front panel of the coach permitted the insertion of small squares of cardboard used as a seat and a footboard for the doll coachman. The latter was a rag doll, cut from an original pattern, made of unbleached muslin and painted to look like a "real coachman." The doll was entirely designed by the child seen sewing it together in the left foreground. Another large piece of cardboard was painted and used as the roof of the coach. In order to keep the roof from sagging, a piece of wood similar to the axle rods was nailed to the bottom of the coach and thus used to support the roof. The horses were painted and cut out by a talented pupil who says, "I just love to draw horses." (If one is to judge by results both classmates and teacher are inclined to agree.) A light frame to help make the team of horses stand firmly upright was obligingly constructed by "a big boy" in the manual training department. The reins are of multi-colored yarn which the child in the photograph (left background) may be seen braiding.



• For scenery, a large carton box in which mattresses are shipped, was split open at one end and opened book fashion. Upon this were painted the hills, ranging in color from violet to purple and from gray-green to olive green. A black-painted bridge spanned the blue water in the foreground. Two roads (unpainted) converged at the foot of the castle walls. Here it may be of interest to note, in passing, that the boy who is seen painting the castle was left to his own devices about perspective—with subsequent pleasing results. Behind hills and castle a light shade of orange was used, as suggested by the children themselves who thought "it would be nice to make believe it was a sunset." Although extremely simple, this massing of harmonizing colors and contrasting shades created a somewhat theatrical but most effective scenic background for the golden-colored coach.

• The cobblestone court was made by outlining the blocks on large sheets of easel paper in black paint, then painting in the blocks with a solid mass of color obtained by blending white with red and then adding blue until a slate blue was produced. These large sheets of painted papers were tacked to the floor upon which horses and coach were placed. When the unit was ultimately completed a white picket fence (not in the photograph when taken) was placed around the courtyard, giving a completeness and that touch of realism to the picture so beloved by little children.

• Since this was to be a classroom project, it was thought desirable that every child should have a part in it. Consequently, as the unit progressed, an opportunity was afforded every child in the class for active participation, thus making the completed unit a 100% classroom activity.

MURALS with the SLIDE PROJECTOR

MARGARET REA, Beaverton, Michigan



- HE mural as an art project has proved its value, especially with older students. Many young pupils, however, hesitate to attempt a real mural painting because of the difficulties of drawing abnormally large and of working with any degree of freedom while mounted in an unfamiliar position atop a ladder or scaffold.
- The lantern slide projector solved these problems for grade 6-B of the Beaverton Rural Agricultural School.
- The children wished to make a series of murals depicting incidents from the story of Ulysses, which they had been reading. Each child chose a scene and made his drawing the size of a slide. Etched glass slides were placed over the finished drawings and a tracing was made in heavy pencil lines. The slide was then placed in the projector which was focused to obtain an image of the desired size. The pupils simply traced around the enlarged image on the wall and were ready to proceed with their painting. Much tedious preliminary work was eliminated and the finished murals were very satisfactory.
- The ground-glass slides may be used again and again if they are carefully scoured.





HOW CARD COLOR in a NEW USE

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- To the children of our public schools, there is no time or class period more welcomed and anticipated than the art class. Especially is this true for the little tots when the art teacher draws upon the board and weaves those lines into a beautiful and masterful picture.
- Most teachers of art in the grades and high school are always ready to welcome new ideas of arousing interest and enthusiasm to the already popular art classes. This innovation of the use of show card color, struck upon by accident, can most effectively be used for balckboard illustration in both the elementary and high schools. Show card color, under present manufacture, being particularly opaque and rich in chroma, quickly and easily lends itself to dilution without the loss of its opaque qualities.
- Naturally, the color itself does not adhere to the surface of the board when applied in large areas without some adhesive agent being added. This agent, common household Bon-Ami, does the trick most effectively, and when washing the picture from the board does a double duty—cleanses at the same time.

- A cup of water into which a teaspoonful of paint and a table-spoonful or more of Bon-Ami have been well mixed, gives us the basic formula from which changes may be made to suit one's individual liking. More or less Bon-Ami or paint may be added to darken the color or to make the paint of heavier consistency. Bon-Ami and water may be used for white, but a little white show-card added to the mixture works to much advantage. In general, the mixture thickened to the consistency of very heavy cream seems to work best. Too, the paint when applied to the board may be shaded to more realistic, round subjects. The Bon-Ami added to the show-card color takes away very little of the chromatic qualities of the paint.
- In the high school, the changing seasons, holidays, special weeks, etc., suggest our blackboard compositions of general pictorial illustration and interest. To this may be added the illustrations for general and advanced class work; and on occasion, a copy of the "Avenue of Trees," or other selected masterpiece, may be sketched in color for class study in pictorial composition and picture study. This means of picture study has stimulated a keen interest in the study of masterpieces which by other means has shown little or no interest.
- In the elementary schools, similar work can easily be done in connection with such nursery rhymes as, "Little Bo Beep," "Humpty Dumpty," "Little Boy Blue," etc. Stories as "Little Red Riding Hood," "Three Bears," etc., may be worked compositionally for both drawing and literature.



HE LARGE ILLUSTRATIVE PAINTING A SOCIALIZED ACTIVITY

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I. AIMS

- 1. An appreciative attitude towards beauty wherever it may be found
- Ability to cooperate Skill in expressing ideas.

- Skill in expressing ideas.
 Skill in representation and design
 Ability to solve problems which arise during the
- Skill in planning and using large areas
 Skill in handling the necessary materials
 Ability to evaluate their own work and that of other pupils
- b. Specific aims related to the topic selected

II. SELECTION OF THE TOPIC

- Growing out of the pupils' interest, and selected from those topics suggested by the class
 Embracing range of pupils' ability
 Affording opportunities for the participation of many

- pupils
 d. Relating to other subjects in the curriculum
 e. Presenting opportunities for the use of many figures in
- action
 The topic may be developed as a related series of three or four pictures, but is more valuable as one large cooperative painting

III. BACKGROUND

- The content of the intended illustration should be studied through geography, civics, history, reading, oral English, and other related studies
- b. Objects, costumes, pictures, lantern slides, dramatic representation may be used
 c. Questions asked by the teacher to induce thoughtful reading and observation
 d. Class lessons on landscape features, on the drawing of

- large figures in action, overlapping figures, object drawing
 e. The teacher should be well informed and enthusiastic
 about the topic chosen. She should bring to the classroom
 and encourage pupils to bring material related to the

IV. LESSON PROCEDURE

a. Pre-conference

- Discussion and selection of the topic to be used
 Pupils decide upon the various features to be represented, select those for which they prefer to be responsible either as individuals or in committees, form plans as to the best arrangement in composition and color of these features, and discuss the manner of carrying out these plans. The use of white chalk on the blackboard is recommended for this realiminary planning.
- Pictures may be studied, and details copied on practice papers, but no pictures are to be copied on
- practice papers, but no pictures are to be copied on the large painting

 4. Pupils who bring related material or ideas may present them to the class

 5. Pupils decide upon some unit of measure to insure approximation of relative proportions

b. Work Period

- The large painting should be begun early enough in the term to allow ample time for completion: nearly six hours in a lower grade, about twelve hours in an upper grade. While proficiency in technique is desirable, the expression of ideas, originality, and well-arranged composition are more
- important Committees or individuals work simultaneously on the features selected
- 3. While some pupils are working on the actual large, cooperative painting, others, at their desks, may be illustrating the selected features which later will be painted on the large scheme. Paper 9 by 12 inches and 12 by 18 inches may be used

- 4. The large figures are sketched in charcoal on the paper or cloth. After criticism and discussion, they are painted with opaque water color. Other features and details are added in charcoal, discussed, and painted
- The teacher encourages pupils to solve for them-selves difficulties that arise, but withholds aid and advice unless it is absolutely indispensable
- As the need arises, the teacher may give the class a lesson on a definite topic, such as, trees, animals, objects and costumes

c. Post Conference

- Pupils gather in a social group to evaluate the work that has been accomplished.
- 2. Three types of criticism:
 (a) self, (b) class, (c) teacher
- 3. Pupils ask the aid of the class in solving difficulties that have arisen. (If satisfactory answers are not immediately forthcoming, the teacher may suggest that pupils think about these problems and bring in possible solutions to be presented in the next activities period)
- 4. General planning for the next work period

V. ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND OUTCOMES

Determined by a check-up of the aims Suggestive Outline: ("A Teacher's Guide Book to the Activities Program"—Lane) Pages 37 and 38

Information Knowledge of -Habits and Skills Ability to -

Appreciation Increased interest in Desire to -

VI. EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

- a. Paper or oilcloth 20 to 36 inches wide, length of available
- Method of hanging the large paper: thumbtacks, small pieces of gummed paper, or passe partout, long narrow boards and pulleys

c. Brushes

- 1. Not the same set used for transparent paint
- Large (number 9)
- 3. A separate brush for each pan of wet paint

d. Paint

- Opaque water color (dry powder or tempera)
 Mix dry powder and keep in a covered jar.
 Put some of the dry powder into a small pan or dish.
 Add water and mix to the consistency of milk 2.
 - Wet only enough paint for the day's use Stir the paint with a stick
- 6. Use seven to ten colors on a frieze, including one or more colors in two or three values Use little if any pure crude color
- Dull colors with small quantities of white or black, or harmonize by adding to each color a little of one
- or narmonize by adding to each color a little of one and the same primary color

 9. Light values are made by adding more white

 10. Dark values are made by adding more black

 11. Try to get effects by contrasts of value, or color, or pattern against plain areas

 12. Avoid black outlines. Use black in areas
- 13. If absolutely necessary some colored or gray outlines may be added as the work nears completion
- 14. Use brighter colors and stronger contrasts of value in the foreground 15. Use middle values and duller colors in the back-
- ground
 Distribute the colors throughout the frieze
- If the paint does not adhere well to the paper, a few drops of glue or paste may be added

The TEACHING of FIGURE DRAWING through the PLAY MOTIF MAURICE CHUSE

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LAY is a beautiful and natural thing to a child. Play games are something he is vitally interested in, enjoys, and knows quite a lot about. Utilizing this play motif in the art class in teaching the figure through games brings into play the natural forces behind the student's thinking. Children know so much about games that if given the chance to

illustrate them the results are always more interesting, spontaneously free, beautiful, and in correct proportion.

- In teaching figure drawing through the illustration play motif, one should have a definite aim behind each grade. Primary students could illustrate their games by having one another pose the actions of the games. For example, in dodge ball, a pupil should pose throwing the ball, catching the ball, or running away from the ball. The drawing of the figure can be carried out in outlines or circles. Coloring should depend entirely upon the student's wishes.
- Children sense motion before proportion and they should be encouraged to overemphasize action poses. It is action that conveys the idea to the beholder. The few most important lines should be stressed in all grades. Main lines of the figure can be followed by watching the direction and action of the spine in relation to the rest of the figure. The child should be taught that he should have an idea in back of all his figure drawings. What is the figure trying to do? What is the best way to place and arrange the figure on paper?
- In the middle grades, more emphasis can be placed on the drawing of the head, body, arms, legs. Definite pose drawings from their games can then be carried out using both side and front view with instruction in proportion and action. Foreshortening poses with the body half reclining, lying down, bending forward, kneeling on one knee, sitting, standing, arm raising, etc., also can be tried. It is a good thing to have the student sense the spirit behind each pose. Children should be taught to make comparisons of model with his drawing and to look for the big simple forms in the figure. At this time, the differences in proportions of children and adults can be shown and comparisons made by use of plates.



- In the upper grades, illustration of games or hobbies with emphasis on careful proportion, rhythm, and a pleasing arrangement of figures with its relation to the background can be studied, also light and shade drawing of the figure. Demonstration by the teacher on the board stimulates class interest and makes for better results. Correlation of Art and Physical education can be brought about by children visiting their classmates and observing them as they go through their routine of exercises or calisthenics. Memory sketches from these exercises can later be drawn by the children as this stimulates the powers of imagination and invention. If it is possible and there is ample room in the gymnasium or in the outdoor court, children can bring easels and sketch as other pupils perform. Sketching their classmates on the parallel bars, hand bar, jumping horse, and other gym apparatus, gives the student the chance to actually see the figure in action and how various parts of the body are brought into play. The study of the head in relation to the foot-where the weight of the body falls as it pivots from one direction to another—the foreshortening of parts as the figure bends taking front, back, and profile views.
- Plates taken from magazines, newspapers, showing athletic pictures, can be utilized by students and make an excellent lesson.
- The figure is such an important thing that it can be used in most all drawing for it gives life to a picture. Children see the figure every day, yet wonder why they can't draw it. If given the opportunity to draw their games in a free and natural way, using the figure as a play motif, their results would be more than satisfying. The human body is the most beautiful thing in the world. To catch its charm, its loveliness, beauty, rhythm, power action, requires a deep mental concentration besides a quick eye and hand. The awakening of these powers of observation in a child to see, may some day bring to light the realization of beauty that can be found in everyday life.

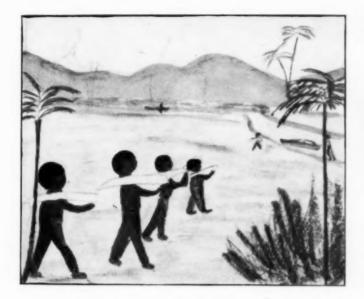


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- of the blackboard is practical. The base can be made by using short discarded pieces of chalk. This produces a reasonably flat, white base. Additional emphasis may be secured by placing a clean rag over the hand or fist.
- This method has the advantages of presenting a new means of expression without the difficulty of handling a new medium, it is cheap, it uses the facilities already in the schoolroom, and may furnish the only opportunity that many children have for using this form of expression.





PERSPECTIVE in GRADE IV

ANSTRICE CARTER KELLOGG
Art Supervisor, Saugus, Massachusetts



FEW years ago a biscuit box and the proverbial railroad track was considered the only way to teach perspective!

What is perspective, anyway? Webster's Standard Dictionary tells us: "the art or science of representing, on a surface, objects as they actually appear to the eye."

• This statement in itself does not mean much to a fourth grade child; neither do the abstract railroad tracks or biscuit boxes with "converging lines on the eye level"—but just let him show a jungle scene from the Belgian Congo, about which he is reading, with "Bombo" and his queer little black brothers!

• There are so many things to draw that distance must be represented: the great fern and palm trees, the teapot method of traveling, the carrying of ivory tusks, the sending of messages through the jungle by means of a stick and a huge log, the animals that come down to the water's edge to drink, and Bombo himself.

• It is just as if these boys and girls were giving us (art teachers) a lesson in geography.

• Children enjoy relating that which they have already learned in some of their other subjects. The art teacher can be the projecting beam, or cantilever, over which thoughts may be transmitted, only to reappear on the opposite side of the bridge as a living, vital force in the life of every child. When subject matter is taken from the class, applied to the aim of the art period, the result is a harmonious whole with art teacher, classroom teacher, and the individual child.

• To return to Bombo. Start with the objects of most interest in the foreground, keep in mind that the farther away anything is to appear the higher on the paper it must go, as well as becoming smaller and lighter in value.

• The sheets included with this article speak for themselves, as but Bombo himself could do, to tell you of his jungle home and the habits of his people.

• Simple perspective, or the ability to show objects in the distance as they appear to the eye, has been directly applied and integrated with the subject matter which was of vital interest to a fourth grade class.

Psychologists tell us that a person remembers but little of that which is heard, only part of that which he visualizes, but all of that which is expressed by his own muscular forces, on paper, is retained in the storehouse of the individual's memory.

Let us make art of more value to the classroom teacher, to the child, and to the integrated lesson!

PERSPECTIVE

MILDRED E. LUSK, Art Instructor Worcester, Massachusetts



F YOU find the teaching of perspective, with its familiar boring terms, a bugbear, just try our way for a change. It worked like magic.

 Of course we could not ignore the principles of the convergence of parallel, receding lines; of establishing an eye level; of proportion and many other truths, but by allowing the

class to sketch from the window we linked up the erstwhile deadly terms with the interesting problem of sketching what they actually saw. They worked in a very simple, direct fashion, omitting many details. Before they realized it, there was something worth while on their papers.

• Our school is located in a part of the city where backyards, three-deckers, and clothesreels abound. Nothing very inspiring, to be sure, but the fact was brought out to them that a true artist can see a picture anywhere.

• The first step in the lesson was for each pupil to provide himself with a finder, the opening to be about 2 by 3 inches; any kind of stiff cardboard could be used. Sitting squarely in front of a view, he selected a few buildings for his composition. His aim was to make an interesting pattern in dark and light, treating the buildings as blocks. He discovered all sorts of fascinating skylines, such as the tower of the French church and surrounding buildings etched against the sky on the distant hilltops. They all worked with the enthusiasm of real artists.

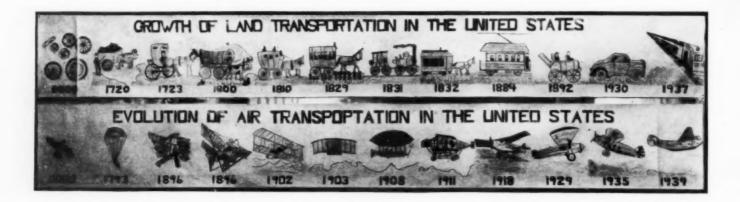
● The first sketches were displayed for a class criticism. Glaring mistakes in perspective were handled as tactfully as possible—a few changes here and there were suggested to improve the composition; but, on the whole, the pictures remained true to life. There seemed to be no drudgery, for every boy and girl was thrilled when he discovered that his sketch actually looked like Arthur or Flower Street. His joy knew no bounds if his own house happened to be in his sketch. No longer were there groans, as I had heard in previous years over struggles with boxes, books, etc.

● After the constructive class criticism, the sketch was transferred to a clean piece of 6- by 9-inch white paper. In some instances they were even smaller. This was done by holding the first sketch against the window pane as a pattern; the clean paper was clipped to it, so it was an easy matter to trace with a fairly hard pencil the important lines. This is a much cleaner way of tracing than using either carbon or tracing paper. It also gives the pupil skill in handling a pencil at a difficult angle.

● The fun began when the paints came out. I have discovered that pupils are fond of black and white arrangements—so we decided to keep our pictures in monochromes. Heavy outlining was encouraged. The sketches, however, looked rather dull, so to add sparkle, a bright vermillion line was painted inside a black margin, then the sketch was mounted on black construction paper.

• The work was greatly admired by the lower classes and visitors, which pleased the 9th grade but, better still, the teacher was delighted to have found so simple a way to approach the study of perspective. It emphasized the truth that art is always linked up with everyday living.



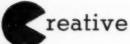




HE Study of Transportation on Land, Air, and Water made an interesting project and resulted in a group of murals at the St. John School, Delphos, Ohio. The eighth graders were responsible for these historical references. Sister Mary Azeveda directed their art work and correlated it with history lessons.







For large and unrestricted drawing in the lower grade unprinted newspaper is the answer. Here some second graders of Verne Craig at school, Indianapolis, Indiana show true illustrative ability and freedom in expression

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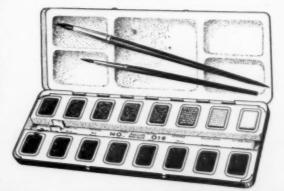
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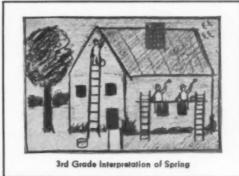
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By Alliston Greene

'God give us men! a time like this demands Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands,"

hands made "ready" by a thorough training in the fundamentals of practical and cultural arts. "The arts are one of the most beneficial influences in our country because they are uplifting, informative, unifying, and curative." No introduction has ever had a greater opportunity than this-to direct the thoughts of School Arts readers toward art education as one great bulwark of national defense. Editor deLemos has given us an idea which grows in magnitude and importance with each reading. "Art Education is National Defense"-an editorial, will be readshould be read-by every subscriber, and proclaimed to others on every occasion.

* Murals, drawing, and painting, are the principal subjects emphasized in this June number. Esther deLemos Morton, Assistant Editor, has assembled page after page of good designs and practical instruction. Her own article, "Designed Figure Murals for Beginners," page 343, will be a good place to begin-after reading the Editorial!

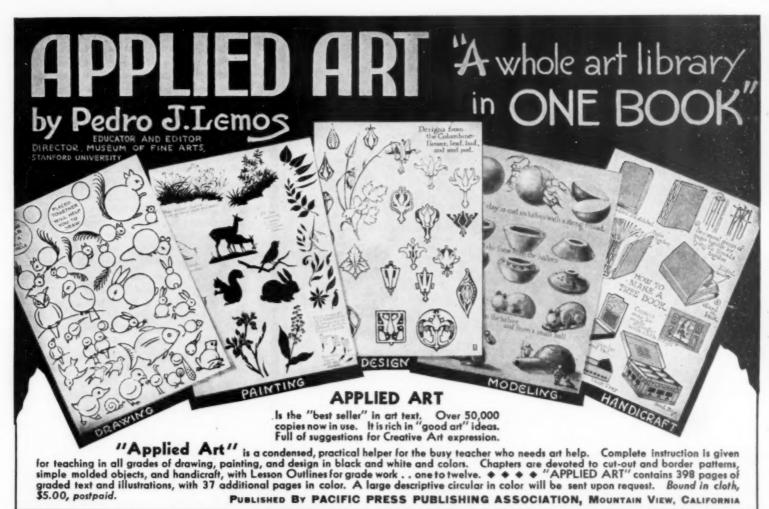
* "Hershey's Milk Chocolate" is not the only product of Hershey, Pennsylvania. The two girl artists who painted the murals reproduced on page 334 may earn their living making chocolate bars, but they live in their study and practice of



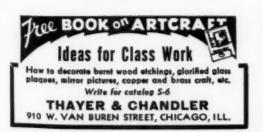
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* School Arts is "not without honor" in its own community and among its own friends. Two Worcester, Massachusetts, art teachers are among this month's contributors—one suggesting that "Murals Brighten the Corner Where You Are," and another giving us her experiences in teaching Perspective. Each has proved her point admirably.

* Edwin D. Myers, Webster Groves, Missouri, claims with provable truth that "Mural Painting offers Creative Expression for all." He has found this particular form of art a "democratic (non-political!) means of creative expression for practical use."

* The same basic fact is present in each of the articles on Murals found in this issue-"Real Murals in Junior High School" (p. 332); "Possibilities of Mural Painting in a Grade School" (p. 346); "The Cooperative Influence of Murals in Art" (p. 349); "How the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Grades Painted Murals" (p. 350); "Mural Backdrop for the Stage" (p. 351); "A Mural, Land, Water, Air Travel" (p. 352); "Recreation Murals" (p. 354); "Murals with the Slide Projector" (p. 356). The illustrations in every case are excellent reproductions of their most interesting and practical expressions of creative thought. To repeat the testimony of Bennetta Kennedy, art instructor in Grand Island, Nebraska, any teacher should find it true in his or her experience-"one of the most challenging and interesting projects ever taken up in the art department of Walnut Junior High School is the painting of murals directly on the hall and classroom walls by the students."

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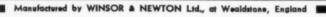
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* Irene Hazel, in Missouri, has hit upon a good idea in which the pupils of four grades cooperate in creating a mural decoration for the basement lunchroom walls. It is easily imagined that many a luncheon hour is made more enjoyable, and more digestible, in such beautiful surroundings.

* Figure drawing is, for many students, an almost impossible art. A contributor (page 336) offers a suggestion which will help in making a beginning in figure drawing and in a cheerful

* Poster construction trains the mind as well as the hand. Imagination, elimination, conservation, accentuation, are each employed. Examples of good poster design are found on page 328. In these posters Mr. Pelikan introduces also that indispensable quality of patriotism.

* "Our International Frieze," on page 353, contributed by Helen Stevens, Darwin School, Chicago, is a successful attempt to correlate patriotism and the good neighbor policy with art. The idea of America as a "melting pot" where people from all parts of the world are blended into one family of American citizens is admirably carried out.

* Do not overlook the fine illustrations of our historic past, reproduced for School Arts by our Editor, Pedro deLemos. In these plates on pages 338, 339, 341, one sees the earliest attempts at tempera murals, wax painting, and carving. Egyptian history in pictures ante-dated the use of words by — years; how many? These plates may give you an idea. A study of these pages will be stimulating and instructive.

* We come to the end of one more monthly magazine, and to the end of another volume as well. It has been the endeavor of every member of the editorial staff to make this volume of School Arts more helpful than ever. Not a few have said that we have succeeded.

* In order to make the material in the year's numbers of permanent value, the School Arts Index for Volume 41 is constructed differently this year. The articles and illustrations are classified by subjects of sufficient variety to cover, adequately we hope, the contents of each number. These subjects are:

American Indian in Art and History Arts and Crafts of Other Countries Art and History Art and Nature Books and Binding Child Art Appreciation Correlation-Integration Costumes and Costuming Design-Creative, Decorative and Applied Drawing-Creative, Illustrative Drawing with Color Drawing with Pen and Ink Drawing the Human Figure Handicrafts-Creative and Constructive Handicraft Materials For the Holidays Lettering Marionettes and Puppetry Modeling-Pottery-Sculpture Mural Paintings Pageantry-Scenery-Stage Paper Work Photography Picture Study Poster Work Printing-Block and Letterpress Textile Decoration

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Cordelia McLain Perkins, Head of the Fine Arts Department of Phoenix (Arizona) High School, becomes a member of the School Arts Staff as an Advisory Editor.

You will recall the article about her outstanding piece of work which appeared in the June 1941 School Arts, "Where Art Pays the Bills," or how an annual pageant earned \$65,000 which was turned over to the schools.

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Recognizing that among the art supervisors' and art teachers' many other duties, she is also called upon to advise her students concerning professional art schools, this column will, from time to time, give the reader information concerning catalogues available together with news of art school activities, of courses and of personalities.

With due recognition of the demands of wartime in art teaching, Mills College is announcing an interesting summer session in Creative Arts for both men and women. Under the direction of F. Carlton Ball, the arts and crafts in daily life and modern education will be stressed in a dozen excellent courses.

Because modern warfare is conducted through the cooperation of many specialists-civilian and military-the artist craftsman has an integral part in this effort now as never before. Consequently there will be special emphasis placed on courses at the Mills Summer session relating to constructive propaganda, camouflage and industrial design.

Outstanding among the courses announced will be those in the growth and character of modern art. In the fields of pictorial composition, problems of the artist and the history and development of Latin American art the summer session will have the services of Antonio Sotomayor, Bolivian painter, muralist and caricaturist. His work is widely known in both North and South America.

Equally significant in the list of courses is that in Basic Crafts, planned with the non-professional student in mind, as well as the playground supervisor, elementary school teacher, and others interested in child development; also persons concerned with occupational therapy. Special attention will be paid to the use of salvage materials in making well designed functional objects.

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Fashion classes to be held at Rowayton, between Darien and So. Norwalk, Conn., will begin July 6, according to an announcement by Miss M. D. Meaney, executive director of the Fashion Art Design School, 545 Fifth Avenue. The Rowayton School will operate in conjunction with the Fifth Avenue School which remains open all during the summer.

The classes at the summer school will be under the personal direction of Mr. William Fletcher White. Mr. White is a well known commercial artist and illustrator, known in the newspaper, magazine and book publishing fields. He has exhibited his work at the Metropolitan Museum and the Dudensing Gallery, and has had previous experience teaching at various art schools.

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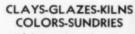


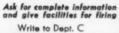
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You will be pleased with this book. It is one that you can pick up and read again and again and fortunately Fred S. has so wide an acquaintance and has had so many personal experiences that the book abounds with them and therefore instead of being a treatise on the subject it is accented and punctuated with these personal observations.

How this ever happened I don't know-but I opened the book at page 69 and found myself reading: "What art education should do, and all it needs to do, is to get people to want to play or sing, draw or paint, cook or sew, fashion clay or wood, read or write and the like, and then attend them to see that they will wish to continue to do these things. It will not matter that the harmonica is preferred to the violin, photographic reproduction to symbolic creation, the preparation of a long series of desserts to the problems of family budgets, the construction of a what-not to a war memorial, or the pulp magazine to the everlasting essay. Such simple pursuits give evidence of the power to develop into their opposites. The present experience that exists for its own sake is prophetic of what lies ahead as well as a record of what has

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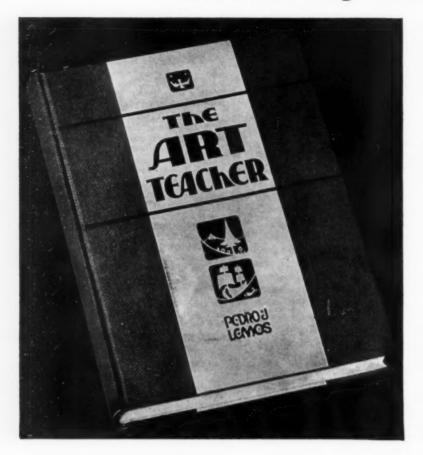
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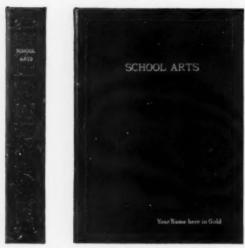
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